

# Nexus Endorsements

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## DAVIS for Governor



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Gray Davis has played a substantial role in California politics for quite a while.

As controller, Davis showed his initiative when he withheld paychecks from state officeholders until the legislature was able to pass the budget. This bold move showed not only his initiative, but his commitment to seeing California succeed. Because Davis has had such a long career in public service, it makes him well suited for the position of Governor, since he has already worked in al-

most all aspects of California government.

Davis seeks to improve the system of California education, which is in dire need of reform. His ideals, among others, for making students, parents and teachers a bigger part of the school process and holding them more accountable, are important for making steps towards higher expectations in education.

In higher education, Davis was an ex officio UC regent and fought to keep down hikes in the already high UC tuition.

While Davis does support the death penalty, he is working on other ways to avoid prison overcrowding. He is committed to keeping the minor drug offenders and non-violent criminals out of prison — a place which should be saved for true criminals.

Davis is working to keep assault weapons away from children and off the streets. He would like to see more violent crime legislation pass to protect the streets of California from unneeded danger.

Unlike his opponent Dan Lungren, Davis has stood firm on his platform, and he has not swayed from his stance on issues to reach out to a broader voting populace.

*The Nexus strongly supports Gray Davis for governor.*

## FONG for Senator

As state treasurer, Matt Fong played a major role in California's recent push for a balanced budget. His fiscal expertise aided many legislators and the governor in providing California with some future security.

As senator, Matt Fong would carry his emphasis on financial responsibility into Congress along with other characteristics that would well represent California.

Fong's strong stance on crime, particularly in our schools, is a positive that needs to be addressed. We can no longer accept an anti-crime stance as simply part of a candidate's platform. We need action, and Fong is the one who will provide it for California.

Another issue that will have a huge impact on California as it moves into the next century is the IRS and its role in our economy. Fong plans to thoroughly review the IRS and its day-to-day functions. The IRS is in desperate need of reform, and Fong will get it done.

Fong also stresses the need for every student to possess the ability to read and write English upon graduating from high school.



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As simple and expected as this sounds, it unfortunately is not always the case.

The past four years have seen incumbent Barbara Boxer make little progress, and it is time for a change. In Matt Fong, California will find the change it is in dire need of and a candidate who is dedicated to the future of California.

*The Nexus strongly supports Matt Fong for U.S. senator.*

## CAPPS for Congress

Lois Capps, who came into office following the untimely death of her husband Walter, has proven herself thus far in office to be a successful congresswoman.

Capps' platform has a strong assertion for the needs of education and concrete ways with which to tackle the problems that she faces regarding the issue.

Having been a school nurse, she has firsthand experience of the needs of elementary and secondary schools. Her involvement with her husband, a longtime professor at UCSB, has also given her the opportunity to get inside the university system to see where improvements could most be used.

This well-rounded education experience makes her suited to present Washington with ideas that are attainable and pertinent to the needs of her constituents.

Capps has a long history of work within the community, but she has never been an aspiring politician, which gives her a fresh view on attacking the duties of a congresswoman. She is very genuine in her concerns and plans for the central coast.



As a nurse, she has been able to witness the needs of patients up close and is aware of issues that face both doctors and patients as HMOs become a bigger and bigger issue. Her support of a patient's bill of rights documents this.

*The Nexus strongly supports Lois Capps for the 22nd District Congressional seat.*

## ASSEMBLY ... ???



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form of women's issues and educational reform.

Both candidates have shown few concrete signs of possessing any potential to serve the 35th District fully. While Jackson possesses a strong drive to succeed and a genuine interest for change, her political rhetoric brings with it no viable means to implement her intended policies.

And while Mitchum presents worthy ideas on his platform, he seems feeble and lacking the capability to get things done while in office. He appears to have in him more actor than political activist.

The state assembly seat is a short term, and whichever candidate wins the seat will only have a short time during which not that much damage can be done. Thank goodness.

*The Nexus offers no endorsement for 35th District State Assembly.*

## YES on 5

Prop 5 has been the source of much controversy and is a matter of how much control the government has over the gambling done in tribal casinos. This proposition would place less control with the government and would relinquish more power to individual tribes.

Prop 5, if passed, will be beneficial by keeping gambling money in California and out of other states' casinos. Nevada makes much of

its yearly revenue from California gambling money, so why give them more financial rewards than necessary?

The law will make a mandatory compact between the government and tribal nations to be able to have gambling on their reservations.

Prop 5 guarantees the tribes that choose to have casinos on their land can have the machines they want without having to enter into

negotiations individually with the government.

Tribal casinos are beneficial to the economy of the tribes, promote self-reliance and provide a large number of jobs for California Indians.

Self-sufficiency will keep the at-risk families on reservations from needing welfare and keep the economy of the reservations thriving, saving tax-payers' money and generating tax dollars.

*The Nexus strongly supports Prop 5.*

## YES on 1A

Prop 1A, if passed, will assist elementary through college students with much needed repairs and renovations.

This proposition will work over the next four years to provide necessary funding to reduce class sizes and will help with technological growth in California schools.

Prop 1A will use \$6.7 billion to fund kindergarten through 12th grade construction over the next four

years in order to allow for class-size reduction and other programs. It will also provide \$2.5 billion to construct new buildings and renovate old buildings on college campuses, with \$165 million specifically allocated to building a new UC campus and off-campus facilities for CSUs.

The money allocated to specific funding for higher and lower education gives a well rounded plan that distributes money based on

need to schools and allows for much needed renovations. The money allocated has nothing to do with the tax bracket of the school district and therefore schools in lower-income areas can get just as much of a jump start on new projects as more affluent districts.

Provided in Prop 1A are cuts in developer fees for lower-income housing, therefore making funds available to low-income home buyers and renters in the area.

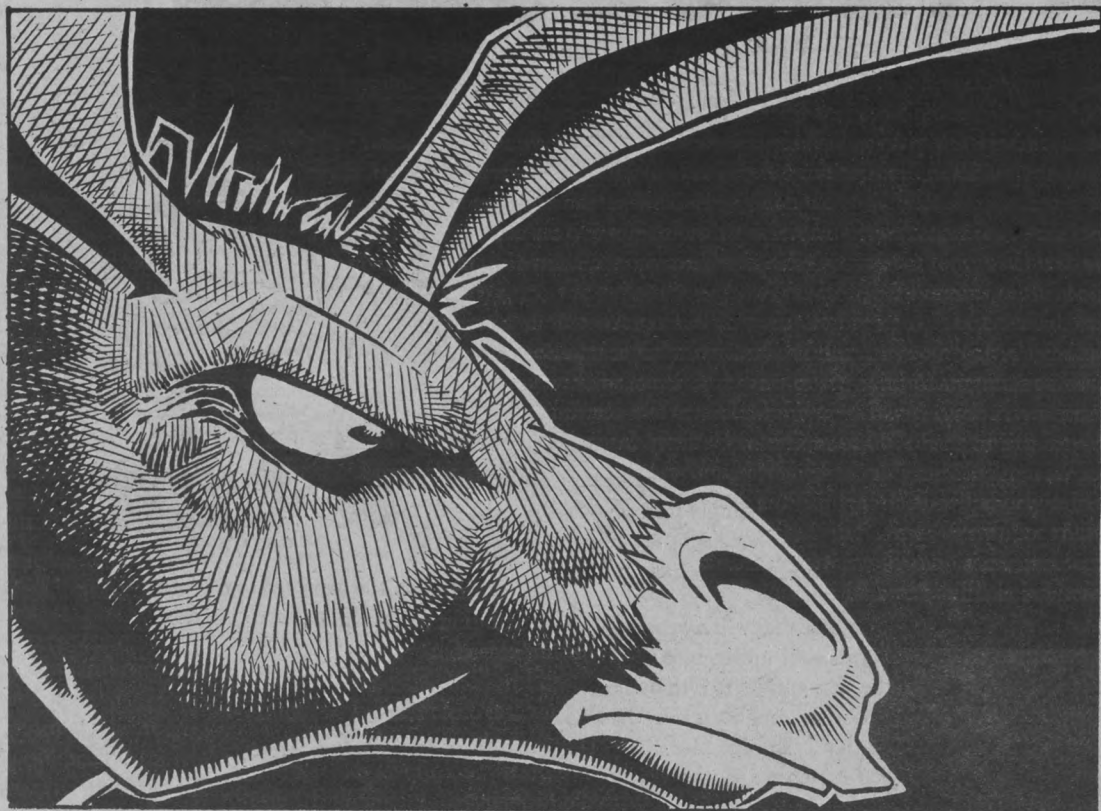
*The Nexus strongly supports Proposition 1A.*



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# UCSB Campus

## Democrats' Candidate Introduction



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### DORIS LEWIS

#### Governor:

Gray Davis is the democratic candidate for governor. He is committed to greater access and affordability to California's universities. As our next governor, Gray Davis will stand up to the challenges of preparing California's higher education system for the demands increasingly made on it.

He is committed to expanding Cal Grant awards, which for many will make education less of a financial burden. Davis reversed the trend of escalating costs with a 5 percent fee reduction in the UC and CSU system this year.

The next governor elected will be responsible for appointing the next five UC regents. We need a candidate who will put the needs and interests of the students before anything else when deciding on regents. We need a candidate who will listen and will allow all college students a voice in the quality of education we receive.

Davis's 22 years of public service, in addition to his experience as a regent of the University of California, has prepared him for the task of appointing five regents.

Gray Davis has a proven record of protecting our environment. He

opposes further oil drilling off the coast of Santa Barbara and has spearheaded the removal of four Chevron oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel.

It is this level of commitment to our environment and our education that makes Gray Davis the student's candidate. Lieutenant Gray Davis is your pro-choice, pro-education and pro-environment candidate for governor. Vote Gray Davis on Nov. 3.

#### Senator:

Barbara Boxer has been a member of the U.S. Senate since 1992. She has represented California with experience and dedication. She is committed to reducing the budget deficit and has cut wasteful government spending. Her most famous claim to fame was discovering the Defense Dept.'s \$7,600 coffeepot.

Boxer has fought to protect and preserve our environment. Her amendments to the Safe Water Drinking Act protect the health of our families. Senator Boxer also introduced the California Ocean Protection Act to provide permanent protection for the California coast from the adverse effects of new offshore oil and gas development.

She also introduced the Coastal

States Protection Act to extend any state moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling from state waters to federal waters.

Senator Boxer is an outspoken advocate of a woman's right to choose. She introduced the Family Planning and Choice Protection Act, which would codify Roe vs. Wade and promote family planning. In addition Senator Boxer cosponsored the Freedom of Choice Act.

Barbara Boxer is a candidate with experience and is committed to California's education, environment and women's right to choose.

#### 22nd Congressional District:

Congresswoman Lois Capps was sworn in as a member of Congress in March 1998, after her victory in the special election to succeed her late husband, Congressman and former UCSB Professor

**Lois is working to make sure there is no more offshore oil drilling — ever.**

Walter Capps. Like Walter, Lois is committed to public service that focuses on improving higher education, preserving the environment and protecting a woman's right to choose.

Because of their dedication to

these key issues, over 85 percent of the UCSB community voted for Walter when he ran for Congress in 1996, and then again for Lois in the recent special election to fill his seat.

As a UCSB graduate and former teacher, Lois knows firsthand how expensive college has become. That is why she voted to increase pell grants, and to reduce the interest rates on all student loans. Both would help college students pay for their education at colleges and universities in California and nationwide.

Because Lois has lived in the Santa Barbara community for over 20 years, she knows how important the ocean is to the people of the central coast. Lois is working to make sure there is no more offshore oil drilling — ever. She also cosponsored legislation that would restrict polluting in our oceans, making it safe — once again — for people to enjoy the central coast ocean without fear of getting sick.

If you want to make education more affordable, protect a woman's right to choose and conserve our oceans, vote for Congresswoman Lois Capps on Nov. 3.

#### 35th District — State Assembly:

Hannah-Beth Jackson is the Democratic candidate for the State Assembly. As a former prosecutor, a family law attorney, a political activist and a working mom, she has the experience and the commitment necessary to represent all the people in the 35th Assembly District.

Throughout Hannah-Beth's campaign, she has made it clear that education is her top priority. She believes that we must reinvest in our public education system so that California can again claim the best schools in the nation. She is striving to place our schools and our children at the top of the state's priority list.

She is looking to improve the quality of textbooks and technology in the classroom, provide better teacher-training opportunities and give greater decision-making power to parents and teachers. Jackson believes that education is the foundation of any democracy. As such, she wants to ensure that everyone has access to quality education at the community college

and university level.

She will fight to lower UC fees and for an exemption of sales tax on textbooks. Jackson has the support of the California Teachers Association and the California Faculty Association.

Hannah-Beth Jackson is an environmentalist who is committed to protecting our environment and our quality of life in California. She is the only candidate in the race who opposes further oil drilling off our coast. She is fighting to stop the pollution flowing into our coastline and lakes and toxic fumes emitted into the air due to oil drilling.

She supports Measure K to protect Santa Barbara's oaks. Jackson has earned the endorsements of the Sierra Club and the California League of Conservation Voters.

As a former prosecutor, she is the only candidate in the race with law-enforcement experience. As a prosecutor, she worked with victims of domestic violence and rape,

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and she went on to help found The Violence in the Family Project, which became the Santa Barbara Shelter Services for Women.

Jackson has been a longtime advocate of a woman's right to choose. Locally, she represented Planned Parenthood in its case against Operation Rescue to ensure that women in Santa Barbara have access to health care services. She is the only pro-choice candidate in this race and has the endorsements of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and the National Organization for Women.

Hannah-Beth Jackson has been active in this community for many years. She has spoken at many events on the UC Santa Barbara campus and throughout the community. She will be a strong voice for education and the environment in Sacramento.

On Nov. 3 vote Gray Davis, Barbara Boxer, Lois Capps and Hannah-Beth Jackson. Your vote is your voice!!

*Doris Lewis is the president of UCSB Campus Democrats.*

# Vote November 3

## Or Suffer the Consequences



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# UCSB College Republicans' Candidate Introduction

LEE GIENTKE

*Before I introduce the Republican candidates for office, I would like to appeal to all those registered to vote. Part of my job, being the president of the College Republicans at UCSB, is to get people involved in the political process. A major part of that is getting people to vote.*

*I have a strong dislike for apathy. Voting is perhaps the most important thing you can do for your country because it is how oaks are saved or lost, how officials too busy with interns lose their jobs, and how we as citizens have a voice in the giant tangle of government. We have no excuse not to vote, so do your country and yourself a favor Nov. 3, VOTE!*

**Governor:**  
The first candidate from my party that I would like to introduce is Dan Lungren. He is the current attorney general, and like his Democratic opponent, he has dedicated his life to public service.

Lungren was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1979 where he would become part of the Reagan revolution, voting to cut taxes and crime while helping to expand California's and the nation's access to foreign markets by voting to increase free trade with Europe by supporting treaties like GATT.

After 10 years in the House of Representatives, Lungren was elected to the attorney general's office in 1990 where he has helped create one of the most effective crime-fighting offices in the nation. Enough history, on to the issues.

**Crime** — It's hard to argue with the attorney general about crime. Lungren supported and sponsored several nationally renowned laws such as Megan's Law, which enables citizens to know if rapists and child molesters live in the house next door (might be helpful in I.V.).

Three strikes and the 10-20-Life are two other major anti-crime laws that Lungren has been responsible for enacting and enforcing. It is because of Lungren's enforcement of these stringent laws that California has the lowest crime rate in 30 years and that we had a double-digit drop in crime in 1993. The most noticeable thing about Lungren's stance on crime is that it is consistent with his actions, not with which group he was speaking in front of.

**Education** — Education is this year's hottest issue because of the fact that our public schools

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are horrible and our students are unable to compete with students from other countries. With that in mind, Dan Lungren has a two-part plan: 1) To reform current educational programs by reintroducing student and teacher accountability through regular testing and 2) By giving the educational system the books and facilities it needs to allow our students to compete on an international level.

This means that our schools will be taken away from the teachers' unions and the bureaucracy in Sacramento and given back to the parents and local officials to decide what works and what doesn't.

The second part of the plan is to allow for school choice and for continued support for charter schools. Like the old adage, a little competition never hurt. Parents would receive tax credits so they could choose where their children attend school — whether the school be parochial, public or private.

This would allow lower income families to make a choice to send their children to private schools without worrying about financial hardship. A recent poll by the *Los Angeles Times* shows

an overwhelming majority, 53 percent of registered voters, support school choice and the proposed voucher program.

Gray Davis is solidly against the voucher program and school choice, saying that it will hurt public schools. So if you want to be able to choose where your tax dollars are spent and where your child goes to school, the choice is clear.

**Abortion** — Perhaps the facts on Dan Lungren's stance need to be clarified because of many of the negative commercials that spin the issue and misrepresent Lungren's stance on abortion. Many agree that this should not be an issue in this election, but the facts must be decided.

The facts are this: Lungren is a strong supporter of the partial-birth abortion ban, of parental consent in the case of a minor and the allowance of abortions in the cases of rape, incest or the mother's life being in danger. There are the facts,

If education were to be an issue for the federal government, he believes that the government should provide incentives for schools that use innovative improvements to our educational system such as vouchers, English proficiency and extended classroom hours.

**The Environment** — Fong is a strong supporter of the Endangered Species Act, preserving California's redwoods for future generations, and is strongly for a ban on offshore drilling. Fong realizes that there must be a balanced approach to protecting the environment, taking both preservation and economic growth into consideration.

**22nd Congressional District:**  
The third candidate that we will have a chance to vote on is Tom Bordonaro. Bordonaro is running for the 22nd Congressional District, meaning us! Bordonaro is a local boy. He graduated from Cal Poly SLO and has lived in San Luis

amount of mandatory time that a criminal must serve if he uses a gun to commit a crime.

Bordonaro calls this law a tribute to his sister who was murdered because she testified against a drug dealer. It has been one of the most successful anti-crime laws in California history and he intends to make this law a federal issue if elected. Bordonaro will continue this strong anti-crime legacy in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**35th District-State Assembly:**  
The last candidate is Chris Mitchum. He is vying for the 35th Assembly seat that has been vacated by Brooks Firestone. This is one of the most interesting races in the state. Both candidates have never held an elected office or have even run for office.

Mitchum is a Firestone republican — moderate, strongly pro-choice and pro-environment. Mitchum is a writer, actor and movie producer and has lived in Santa Barbara for more than 15 years. Now the issues:

**The Environment** — Mitchum has strongly supported environmental causes for over 30 years. He is actively involved with Heal the Ocean, a group dedicated to keeping our oceans and beaches clean. He has a solid plan that will keep our environment protected but allow California's bustling economy to grow.

**Schools** — There is a common theme with Republican candidates this year: local control. Mitchum is strongly in favor of local control. He has also issued a five-point plan on education.

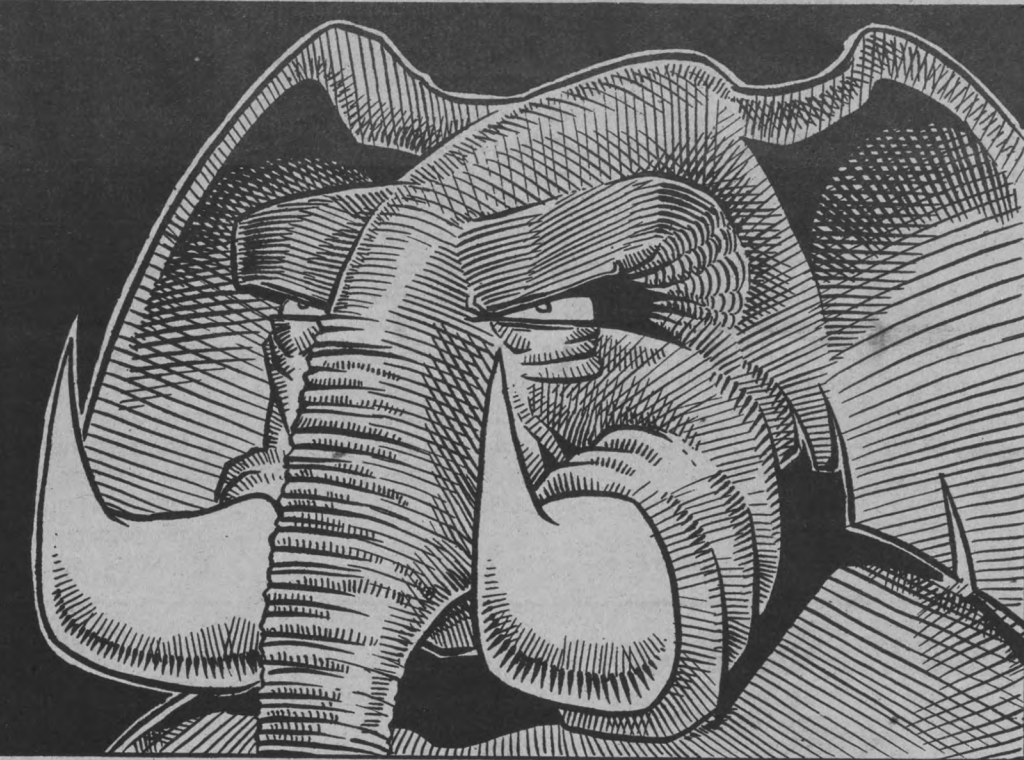
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This plan would cap college tuition fees, cut class sizes, improve teacher training, expand the Gary Hart Charter School program and stop social promotion.

**Crime** — Birds of a feather often flock together, and Mitchum has been endorsed by every law enforcement official in the 35th Assembly district. This is quite surprising because Mitchum's opponent worked in the Santa Barbara district attorney's office. He will work to keep violent criminals off our streets and behind bars where they belong.

I present you with the Republican candidates for office. They are great leaders with a vision that will lead California into the next millennium. It is my hope that I have provided you with enough information so you can join me on Nov. 3, first in voting and then in voting for these candidates.

*Lee Gientke is the president of College Republicans at UCSB.*



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nothing more, nothing less.

**Senator:**  
My second candidate is Matt Fong. The issues here are slightly different because of the fact that this is a national election. Fong has a very moderate voice when compared to his opponent. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and is the great-grandson of a Chinese immigrant.

He has a unique combination of public and private sector experience, first as an attorney and small businessman and then as a member of the State Board of Equalization. He is currently serving as California's treasurer. The issues of a federal campaign such as this senatorial race are slightly different, but here you go:

**Taxes** — Ever look at your pay check and wonder why the government is taking more than you? Ever wonder how to fill out those darn tax forms? If you are asking those questions then perhaps Fong is your man. He has promised to give us a tax system that will encourage investment, increase take-home pay and close loopholes for the rich and special interests.

His opponent, Barbara Boxer, has raised taxes six times for a grand total of \$630 million and has refused to change our current tax code. Fong is a supporter of the simplest and fairest tax platform yet devised, the flat tax. With the implementation of the flat tax, our tax forms will be cut down to one page and require simple arithmetic to complete.

**Education** — He strongly believes that education must stay out of the hands of the federal government because parents and local officials are able to make better decisions than someone 2500 miles away.

Obispo County since 1977. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 1994, representing the 33rd Assembly District.

One of the things that makes Bordonaro stand out is the fact that he has been very successful at all he does though he must face the everyday challenges of life in a wheelchair. Tom is a quadriplegic, having suffered a severe, almost fatal cervical spinal injury in 1977 at the age of 18. OK, where does this guy stand on the issues?

**Education** — Like his other Republican counterparts, he believes that the students, teachers and parents know how to make the proper decisions as to what works and what doesn't in their local districts. He is strongly in favor of bypassing the educrats of the Dept. of Education and giving money directly to colleges and local districts.

He believes that higher education leads to a stronger nation and believes everyone should have access to our nation's colleges regardless of economics. He has a proven track record in the California State Assembly of providing students with the money they need through grants and loans to attend higher institutions.

**Taxes** — Bordonaro used to prepare taxes and knows how difficult it is to work with the IRS and the current tax code. Like his senatorial counterpart, he is strongly in favor of meaningful tax reform like abolishing the current tax code along with the marriage and death taxes. He has a consistent record of voting for tax cuts even when he is not up for re-election.

**Crime** — Crime is one of Bordonaro's strongest legacies. He is the author of the 10-20-Life law that every candidate claims some part of getting passed. Basically, it increases the

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## YES on 1 YES on 2 YES on 3 YES on 4

Prop 1, if passed, will give people who live in houses or on land that is found environmentally unsafe, the ability to move or remodel without the normal increase in taxation that usually comes with such a change. This would allow for a smaller fiscal impact on people who are forced to move or remodel by no choice of their own.

When property is assessed for a remodel, or when there is a change in ownership, an assessment is done on the property to determine the value for taxation purposes. When a person is forced to move due to no choice of their own, they should not have to suffer the consequences of the taxation that could occur from changing homes or remodeling on top of the already costly act of moving or remodeling a home.

*The Nexus strongly supports Proposition 1.*

Prop 2, if passed, will basically make sure that money from any transportation tax or other revenues that are removed from the state General Fund, be repaid within that same year.

The proposal will keep the money from the revenues of taxes and other money earmarked for transportation close to where it belongs. This proposition is important to ensure that the money that is supposed to make it to the transportation department does in fact stay there.

The money that is borrowed without replacement hinders attempts to make any of the necessary repairs on California's roads. By keeping the money in the transportation department or at least having it returned in a timely manner, the necessary upkeep can be done without holdups from a loss of already allocated funding.

*The Nexus strongly supports Proposition 2.*

If passed, Prop 3 will reinstate the closed primary into California elections. Closed primaries, in which voters only select candidates from their own party, were the law until the June 2 primary election.

When voting, even in the primary elections, voters should have the opportunity to inform the party caucus of the person they feel is most suited to do the job, regardless of their party affiliation.

Especially in the smaller elections, the primaries can have a major effect on who is selected, and therefore the votes cast for any candidate could seriously sway the outcome of the final elections.

An argument can be made that in the primaries members of opposing parties could use votes for a lesser candidate to sway the vote, but that is not a good enough reason to take the choice away.

*The Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 3.*

Prop 4, if passed, will create laws eliminating the legality of using certain animal trapping methods for fur-bearing animals.

By prohibiting the use of more inhumane animal traps, hunting rights are not being obscured, but instead restrictions are being placed on the method of killing animals.

This banning would not decrease the hunting of fur-bearing animals, but it would protect the animals unnecessarily harmed by cruel traps.

The bill is meant to help cut down on inhumane and unsafe ways of trapping animals. The benefits for the animals and human safety is clear and the rules implemented about hunting techniques are worth the vote, despite the fact that the cost of implementing the bill may be higher than necessary.

*The Nexus supports Proposition 4.*

## NO on 6

Prop 6 proposes to impose a criminal law prohibition on the slaughter and sale of horsemeat for human consumption. If passed, it will make the possession, sale or receipt of horsemeat for human consumption a felony.

The proposition does not make killing horses illegal and doesn't specify a more humane way to kill horses. It just outlaws human consumption. There is no real reason why the horses that are killed should be available to everything but humans.

Laws are already in place to make restaurants specify to customers if they are eating horsemeat, so there is no reason why there has to be a law prohibiting the sale of this meat.

The law still allows for the slaughter of horses for dog food and other purposes. Therefore, it only takes away the rights of that rare person who would like to eat horsemeat, which is an infringement on their right to choose what they want to consume.

*The Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 6.*

## YES on 7

The passage of Prop 7 will authorize \$218 million in state tax credits annually to be used for the compensation of any individual or company that purchases vehicles to comply with lower emissions standards. The yearly tax credits will be available until January of 2011 and will be administered by the State Air Resources Board.

A yes vote will be in support of awarding companies and lay people these credits for contributing to cleaner air. A no vote would mean that the State Air Resources Board would not be directed to create a tax credit program for contributing to cleaner air.

Our air is an important part of our present and future. Encouraging people to contribute to cleaner air by purchasing cleaner burning vehicles or not to burn their rice fields is a positive. Although it is a good deal of money, the money is simply being redirected and fairly compensates people who go out of their way for the environment.

*The Nexus supports Proposition 7.*

## NO on 8

Prop 8, if passed, will create a substantial number of programs under the same bill, covering everything from class-size reduction to parent-teacher councils.

This proposition, while containing some beneficial aspects, is not created to benefit schools like it should. This law combines too many issues into one proposition, which leaves room for hidden loopholes. It's much easier to bury the bad with all the good, which Prop 8 does.

Creating a chief inspector of public schools is one of the major parts of the proposition. The job description of this person is already included in other state departments, and therefore adding another department would be redundant, when the money could go more directly to school improvements.

This proposition gives more power to bureaucracy, although it claims to place more rights with parents and teachers, therefore impeding future programs that are clearer and do give more power to the local parents and teachers.

*The Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 8.*

## K...?

Measure K has been a point of much contention since the introduction of its parallel measure, Measure O. It proposes laws which require that only a certain amount of trees be allowed to be cut down per year on each individual property in the county.

This measure would hope to protect the oaks in the most comprehensive way possible. Although this measure is very useful in protecting the precious oaks, the infringement on the personal property rights of landowners makes it a difficult decision.

*The Nexus offers no endorsement for Measure K.*

## No on O

Measure O was written in response to Measure K as a proposal for a less extreme version of Measure K. It was written by landowners, and it is meant to target mostly landowners.

Its passage would require that for every oak tree cut down, 10 trees must be planted to replace it. This sounds good, but there is no proposed way to ensure that the requirements are met.

While Measure K may or may not be the answer to the tree issue, the hasty way in which 'O' was created leaves too many questions.

*The Nexus strongly opposes Measure O.*



## YES on 9 No on 10 No on 11

Prop 9 aims to cut costs for consumers in electricity by hundreds of dollars a year.

If passed, the electric companies will be responsible for keeping energy plants safe and reliable without added rates to the electric customers, thus keeping money in our pockets.

The passage of Prop 9 will require that an additional 10 percent rate reduction, on top of the previous 10 percent rate reduction, be implemented. Although it may be met with lawsuits that could cost taxpayers some money rather than save it, its potential to save outweighs the possibility of lost revenue. In the long run Prop 9 is positive.

*The Nexus supports Proposition 9.*

Proposition 10 proposes to institute an additional 50-cent tax on cigarettes to support early child development and teaching programs.

The idea of finding funding for early child development is a worthy cause, but not one whose financial burden should be placed on those who choose to purchase cigarettes.

When taxes are implemented on cigarettes, like many other taxes on products, the money should, in general, be allocated to something at least slightly related to the product. Extra taxes aimed at smoking prevention and other issues surrounding smoking are justifiable, but not for adolescent development.

*The Nexus opposes Proposition 10.*

Proposition 11, if passed, would allow cities to enter into revenue-sharing contracts with counties or other cities with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the local city council or board of supervisors of each city and/or county.

As of now, a city and/or county can enter into an agreement with two-thirds of the popular vote. Allowing city councils and boards of supervisors to decide how to allocate the people's money is a ludicrous proposal that opens itself up to corruption and political maneuvering.

Also, certain small cities and counties whose citizens prefer to stay small will no longer have that option.

*The Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 11.*

## YES on M

Measure M is a measure placed on the ballot by the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. If passed, it will require that before the sale of any park or open space in I.V. there is a community vote on whether the residents of I.V. would like the land to be sold.

As I.V. heads closer to becoming incorporated, the measure would protect the parks of I.V. from developers who might attempt to buy up land if I.V. were to become a city.

It will also succeed in putting the power into the hands of Isla Vistans and out of the hands of the IVRPD board. This is useful because, although the current board is concerned with environmental issues, future boards may not be so concerned.

The power should stay with the more consistent populace, the students.

This measure appears to be beneficial since the open spaces and parks in I.V. are few and far between, and most students appreciate their existence. While landowners might want to develop them, the residents of I.V. as a whole would get a say in the parks' fate.

*The Nexus strongly supports Measure M.*