

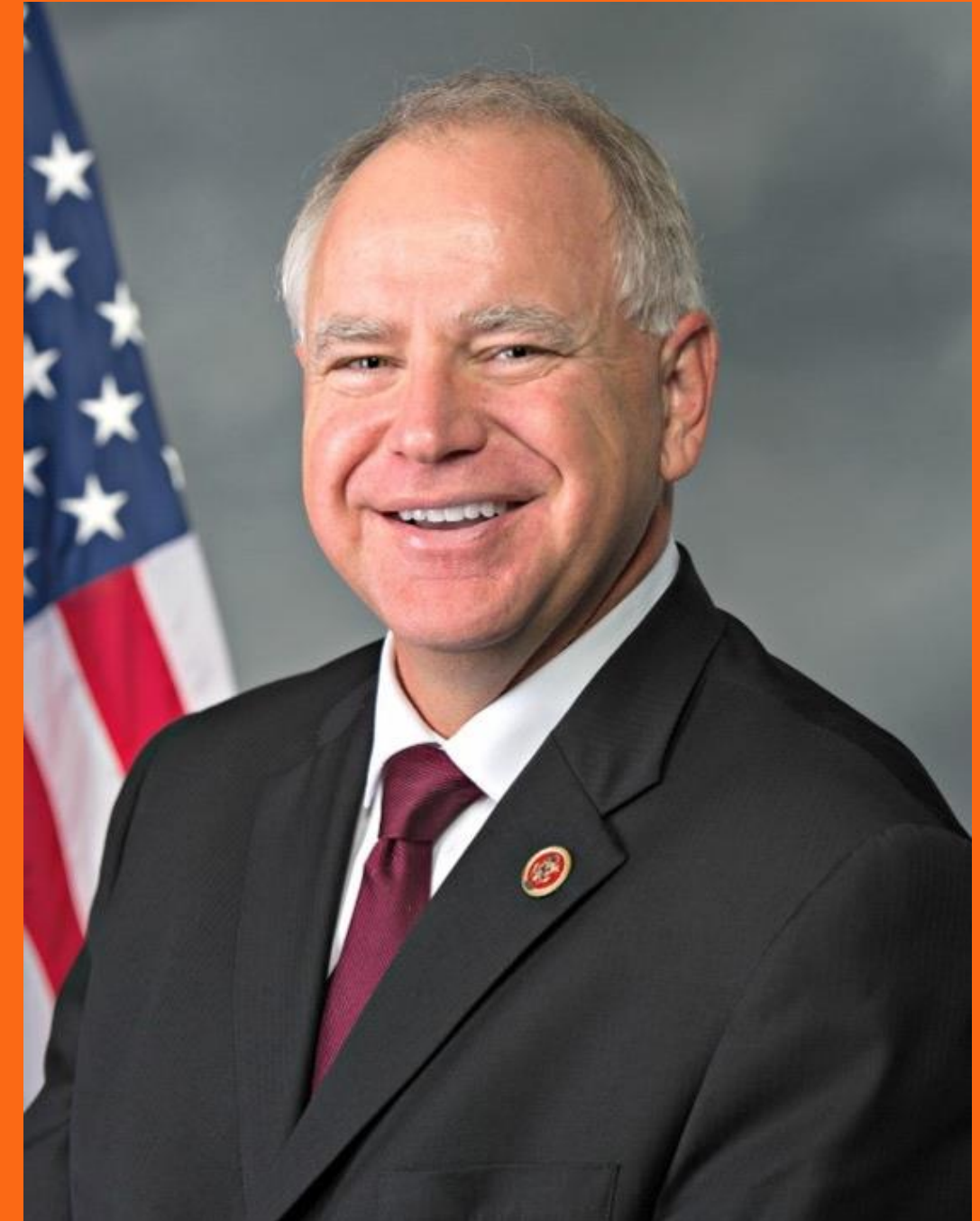
Ballot Review Election 2024

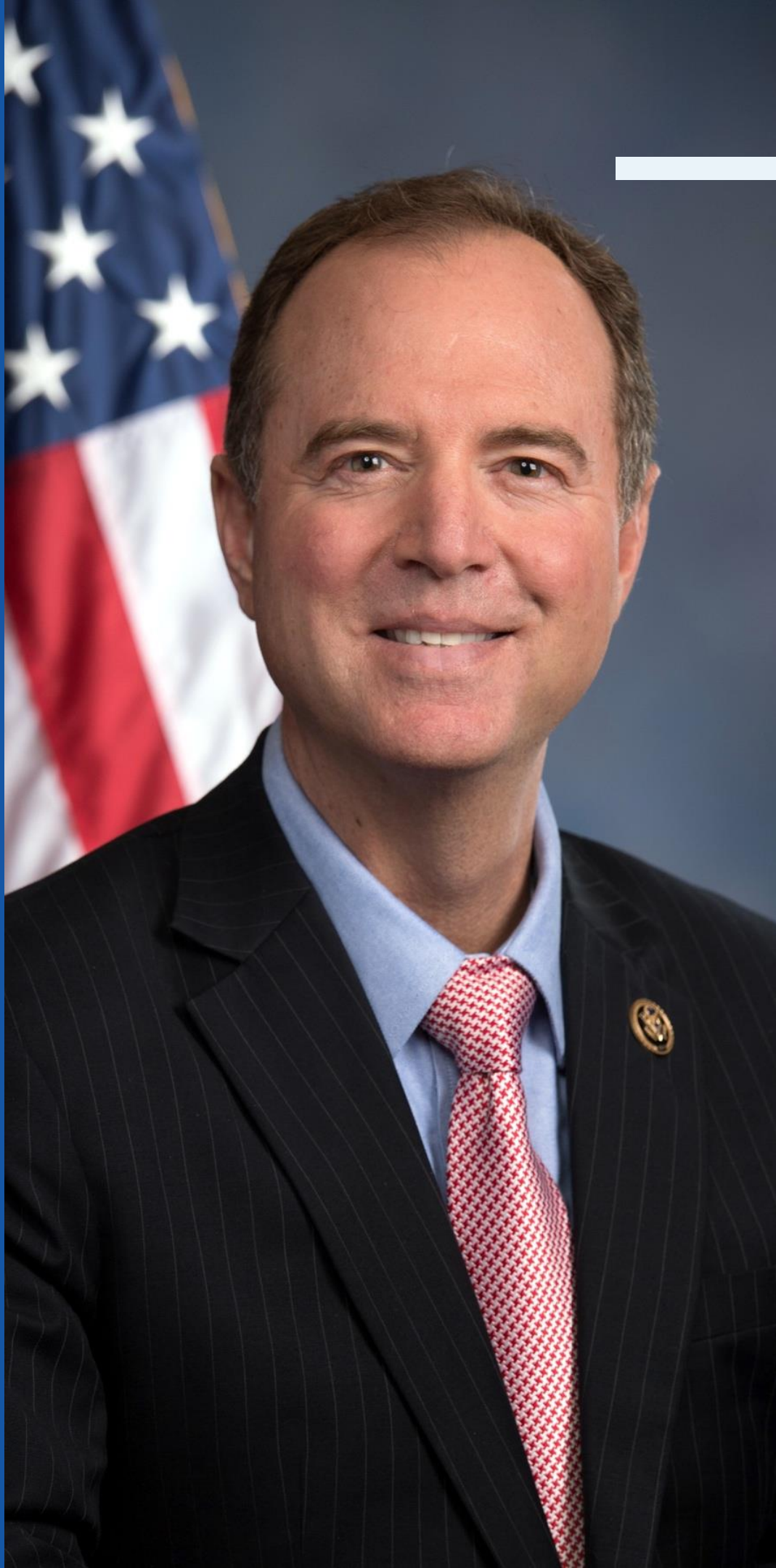
Laguna Beach
Democratic Club



President and Vice President

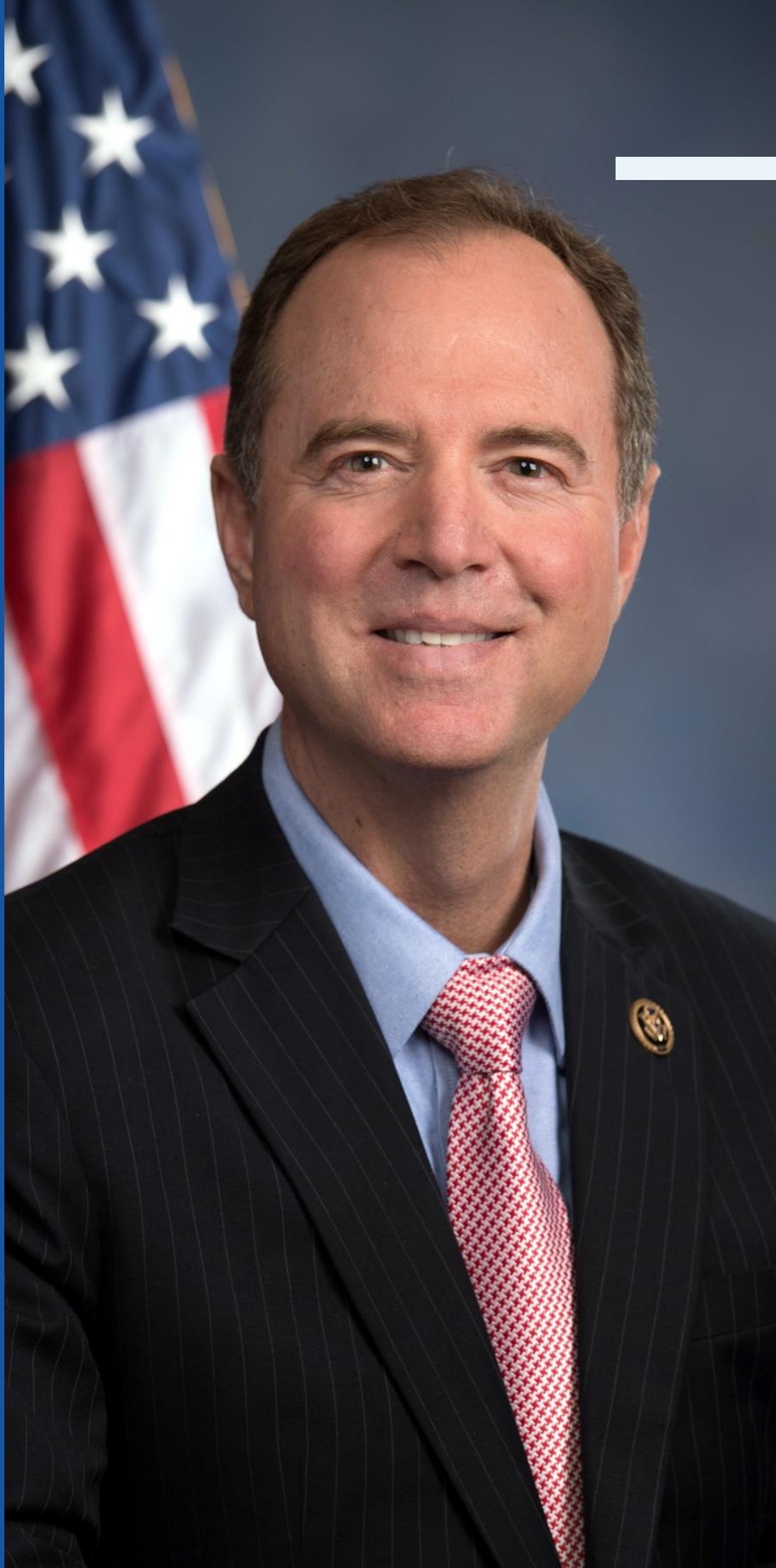
Kamala D. Harris
Tim Walz





United States Senator

Adam B. Schiff



**United States Senator -
Partial/Unexpired term**

Adam B. Schiff



US
Representative
47th District

Dave Min

**Member of the State
Assembly 72nd District**

Dom Jones



**South OC
Community College
District**

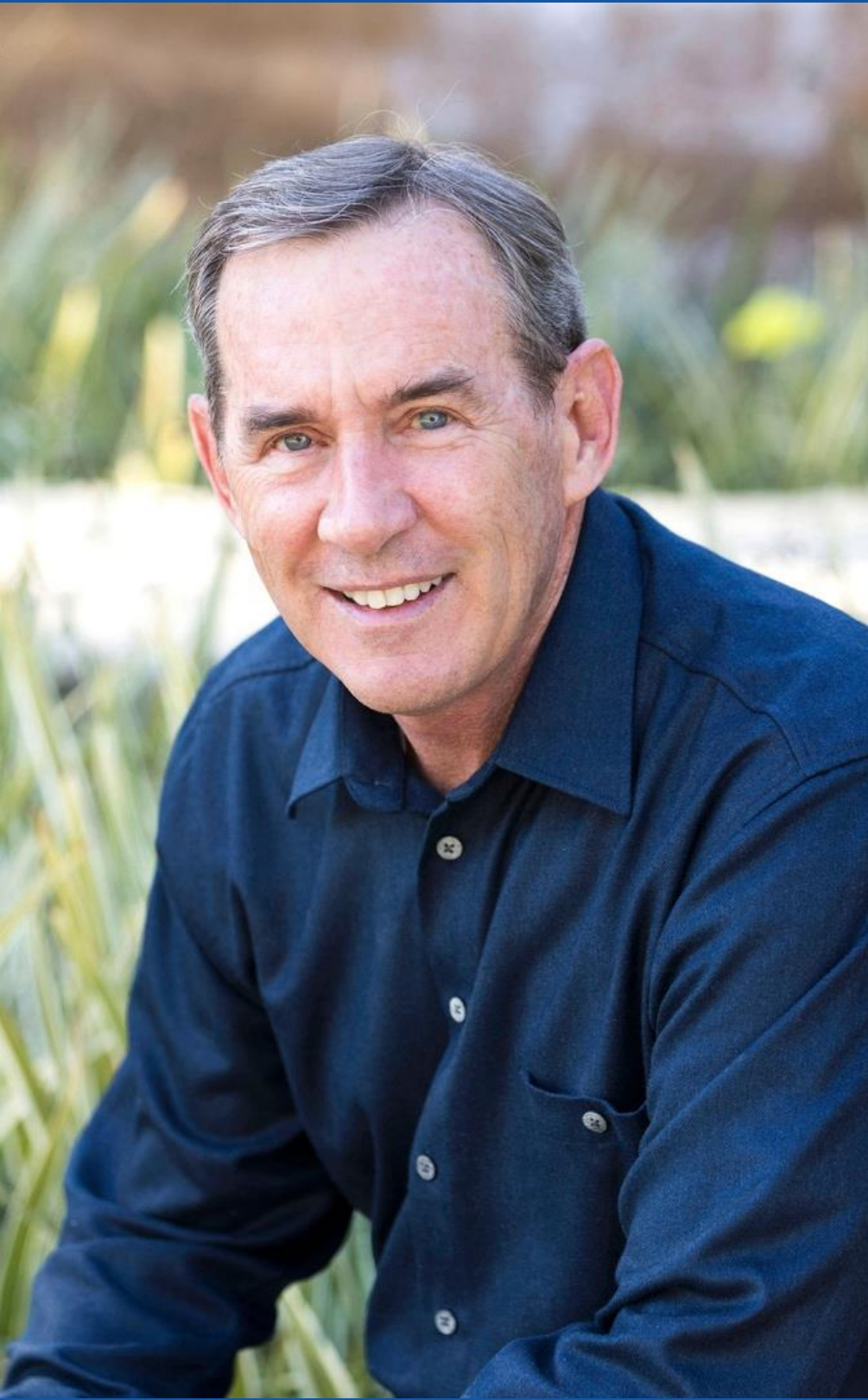
Rocky Cifone



Laguna Beach
Unified School
District

Jan Vickers
Incumbent





City of Laguna Beach City Council

Bob Whalen

Hallie Jones

City of Laguna Beach City Clerk

Ann Marie McKay

Running uncontested



California Ballot Proposition Review

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Proposition 2: YES

Public Facilities Bond Measure

The Bond Measure:

- Authorizes \$10 billion in bonds to fund construction and modernization of public educational facilities.
- Funds divided \$8.5 billion to elementary and secondary schools; \$1.5 billion to community colleges.
- These are matching funds. Districts raise their own funds through local bond measures then apply for matching funds for new school construction or repairs to existing schools.

Proponents:

- California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, California Chamber of Commerce; California Democratic Party; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

- No organized opposition.
- Some small school districts and advocacy groups have objections to the formula for allocating matching funds, saying that it favors large and wealthy districts, giving them more money on a per-pupil basis.

Why Vote Yes?

- Without this funding, we face a serious school repair and construction problem – there are already over \$3.4 billion in approved projects awaiting funding. Existing school repair funds will run out by the end of the year.

Proposition 3: YES

Right to Marry and Repeal Proposition 8 Amendment

The Constitutional Amendment:

- Repeals Proposition 8 (2008) which limited marriage in California to being between a man and a woman. Replaces that language with a statement that the right to marry is a fundamental right.

Proponents:

- California Democratic Party; California Labor Federation; Governor Newsom; ACLU of Northern California; Equality California; Planned Parenthood; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

- No organized opposition, but there is opposition from conservative religious groups.

Why Vote Yes?

- To protect against the conservatives on the Supreme Court overturning *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which could result in same-sex marriage becoming illegal in California again.

Proposition 4: YES

Parks, Environment, Energy, and Water Bond Measure

The Bond Measure:

- Issues \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, and projects for environmental protection, water infrastructure, energy, and flood protection.

Proponents:

- California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, various environmental groups; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Why Vote Yes?

- The bond measure will provide a variety of funding for climate change mitigation. Budget shortfalls have slashed this funding in recent years, including Newsom's proposed spending from 2022.
- As is typical for this kind of bond measure, it has a little of something for everyone so you might not agree with every line item. However, the climate funding is essential and includes funds for addressing sea level rise, expanding water supply, and preventing wildfires.

Proposition 5: YES

Lower Supermajority Requirement to 55% for Local Bond Measures to Fund Housing and Public Infrastructure Amendment

The Constitutional Amendment:

- Lowers the vote threshold for local bond measures for affordable housing and public infrastructure from 66.67% to 55%.
- “Affording housing” means housing developments for households earning up to 150% of for the countywide median income, as well as down payment assistance programs, first-time homebuyer programs, permanent supportive housing for people at risk of chronic homelessness, and associated facilities if used by residents of affordable housing.
- “Public infrastructure” means infrastructure for the delivery of public services, utility/common carrier infrastructure, recovery from natural disasters, emergency response and fire suppression infrastructure, projects for the protection from sea level rise, and broad band internet access.

Proponents:

- California Democratic Party; building trades unions; California Professional Firefighters; California YIMBY; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; California Association of Realtors; California Chamber of Commerce; California Republican Party

Why Vote Yes?

- Supermajority requirements are bad and in this case have been blocking essential local infrastructure spending.

Proposition 6: YES

Remove Involuntary Servitude as Punishment for Crime Amendment

The Constitutional Amendment:

Prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

Authorized Department of Corrections to award time credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.

This effectively prohibits mandatory work requirements for incarcerated persons; making such assignments voluntary.

Proponents:

California Democratic Party; California Labor Federation; ACLU of Northern California; civil rights organizations; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

No organized opposition, but some Republican lawmakers have raised specious concerns about paying prisoners.

Why Vote Yes?

Involuntary prison labor is a legacy of Jim Crow. Only 8 states still allow it. States such as Alabama and Tennessee have banned it, we should join them.

Proposition 32: YES

California \$18 Minimum Wage Initiative

The Initiative State Statute:

Raises the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour. Thereafter adjusts the minimum wage to match increases in the cost of living.

Proponents:

California Democratic Party; some Democratic legislators; League of Women Voters

Opponents:

California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Republican Party; other business organizations.

Other groups:

Some unions have refrained from supporting the measure because they would prefer to see industry-specific minimum wage increases.

Some anti-poverty groups have refrained some supporting the measure because they think the amount is too low.

Why Vote Yes?

The minimum wage is too low and some industry-specific laws have produced strange abnormalities that this helps to correct.

Proposition 33: YES

Prohibit State Limitations on Rent Control Initiative

The Initiative State Statute:

Repeals the Costa-Hawkins Act, which effectively prohibits rent control for any residences built after the mid-1970s. Prohibits the state from enacting future state laws that prohibit or restrict local rent control ordinances.

Proponents:

California Democratic Party; California Nurses Association; Bernie Sanders; various housing rights groups; Unite Here Local 11
Huntington Beach Council member Tony Strickland

Opponents:

California Republican Party; California Apartment Association; various real estate developer organizations; California YIMBY;
carpenter's unions
State Senator Toni Atkins

Why Vote Yes?

This initiative does not mandate rent control – it merely allows local governments to adopt appropriate local rent control programs if they wish.

Proposition 34: NO POSITION

Require Certain Participating Medi-Cal RX Programs to Spend 98% of Revenues on Patient Care Initiative

The Initiative State Statute:

Require certain health care providers spending over \$100 million over a ten-year period on non-patient care to spend at least 98% of revenues from the federal discount drug prescription program on patient care.

This would likely apply only to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation – it is designed to stop them from sponsoring ballot measures.

Permanently reauthorizes Medi-Cal RX program (which allows Medi-Cal to negotiate drug prices).

Proponents:

California Republican Party; California Apartment Association; ALS Association

Opponents:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Housing is a Human Right; Consumer Watchdog; National Organization for Women

Other groups:

The California Democratic Party has taken no position.

The League of Women Voters has taken no position.

Proposition 35: YES

Managed Care Organization Authorization Initiative

The Initiative State Statute:

Permanently authorizes a tax on managed care organizations based on monthly enrollees. The tax currently expires in 2026. Creates a defined allocation for such tax revenues and creating a legislative supermajority requirement to change the allocation.

In practice? This means near-term increased in Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for healthcare providers at the risk of long-term misallocation of funds as conditions change.

Proponents:

California Republican Party; California Democratic Party; Planned Parenthood; various health care organizations, labor unions, and emergency responder organizations.

Opponents:

No organized opposition. Various public interest policy groups, including the League of Women Voters, have raised concerns that the allocation of tax revenues is arbitrary and could result in future cuts to social services.

Why Vote Yes? To increase Medi-Cal reimbursement rates in the near-term and potentially in the long-term.

Proposition 36: NO

Increase Drug and Theft Penalties and Reduce Homelessness Initiative

The Initiative State Statute:

Unwinds certain criminal justice reforms of Proposition 47 (2014) by increasing penalties for certain theft and drug crimes by allowing them to be charged as felonies.

How does this address homelessness? Only very indirectly, if at all, by requiring “treatment” for certain drug crimes.

Proponents:

California Republican Party; California District Attorneys Association; California State Sheriffs Association; San Francisco Mayor London Breed; some Democratic legislators; various retail corporations.

Opponents:

California Democratic Party, some Democratic legislators; ACLU of Northern California; civil rights groups; League of Women Voters

Why Vote No?

This is the result of a long-term project by Republicans to repeal California criminal justice reforms. There’s no evidence that increased sentences will reduce crimes – indeed, crime rates have fallen since Proposition 47 was passed (even if they have increased some in recent years).

Studies have shown that retail theft is not actually on the rise, even if there is elevated public concern about it.