



August 2026 Meeting

Please make
sure you've
signed in!



76 Days to Election Day!

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Congratulations!



Bob Ooten

Costa Mesa
Sanitary District
Division 3



Shyanne Wright

Costa Mesa
Sanitary District
Division 5

Democratic Majority Maintained!

Unopposed and Reelected!

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TRAFFIC ★ PUBLIC SAFETY ★ HOUSING ★ DEVELOPMENT

Costa Mesa

City Council Candidates

Meet & Greet

CARA STEWART
DISTRICT 3

**ANGELY ANDRADE
VALLARTA**
DISTRICT 4

KELLY BROWN
DISTRICT 5



\$15 SUGGESTED DONATION TO
SUPPORT CANDIDATES



*LOCATION PROVIDED
WITH RSVP

AUGUST 27TH
6 PM TO 8 PM

FOOD AND BEVERAGES
PROVIDED

BUDGET ★ PARKS ★ INFRASTRUCTURE ★ FLOCK CAMERAS



ADOPTED BY:



Costa Mesa



**September 12th, 2026
12PM-3PM**

Address Upon RSVP



Let's get on PDI!

- Link will open PDI event for today's meeting
- Planning to start canvassing with some candidates weekend on 8/29-30
- Please sign up to simplify on the day of!



SCAN ME

PDI | GET STARTED

PDI MOBILE APP

*Costa Mesa Democratic Club
CM Dems General Meeting!*



SCAN ME



Step 1

Scan the QR Code

Using the camera app on the phone, scan the QR code.



Step 2

Download the App

Download the PDI Mobile app from the App Store.



Step 3

Sign up/Sign in

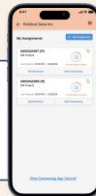
First-time users, create an account and log in to PDI Mobile.



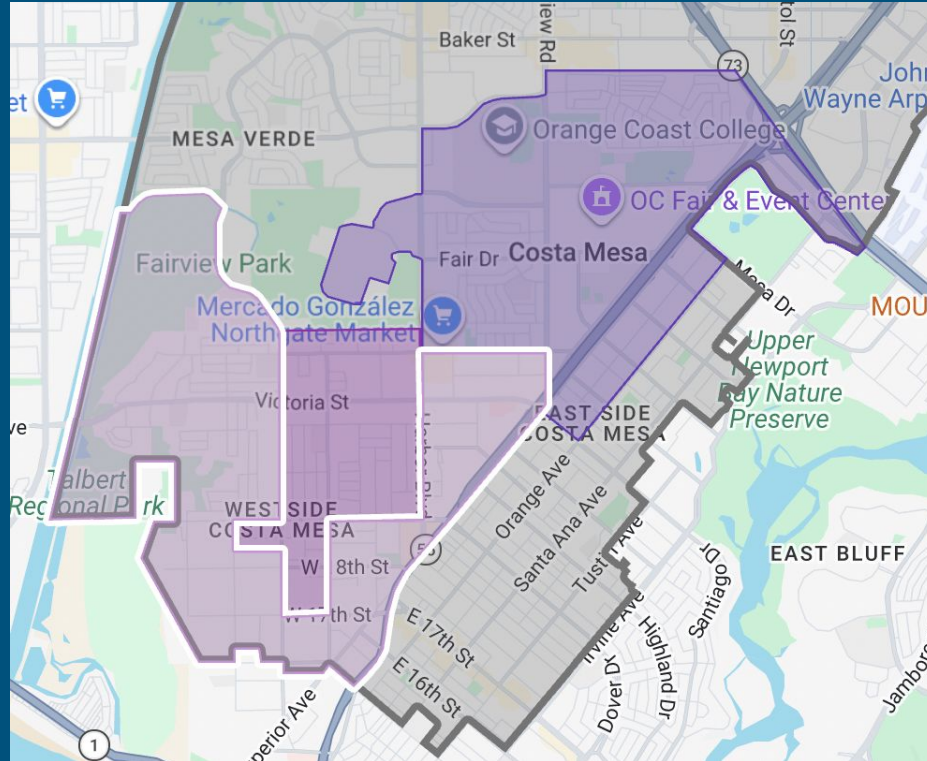
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Start Canvassing!

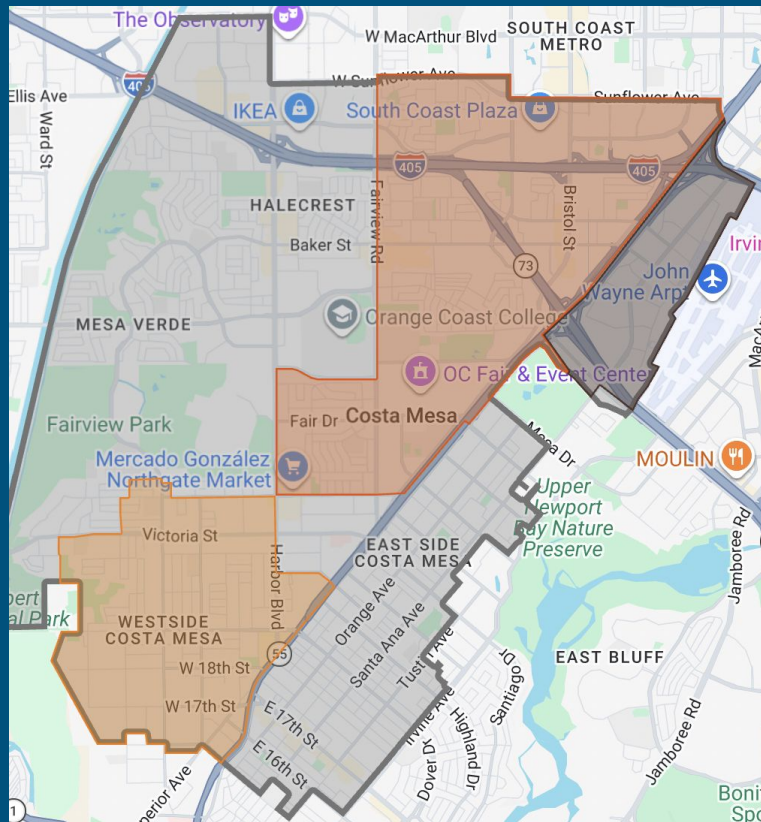
You are in! Happy canvassing.



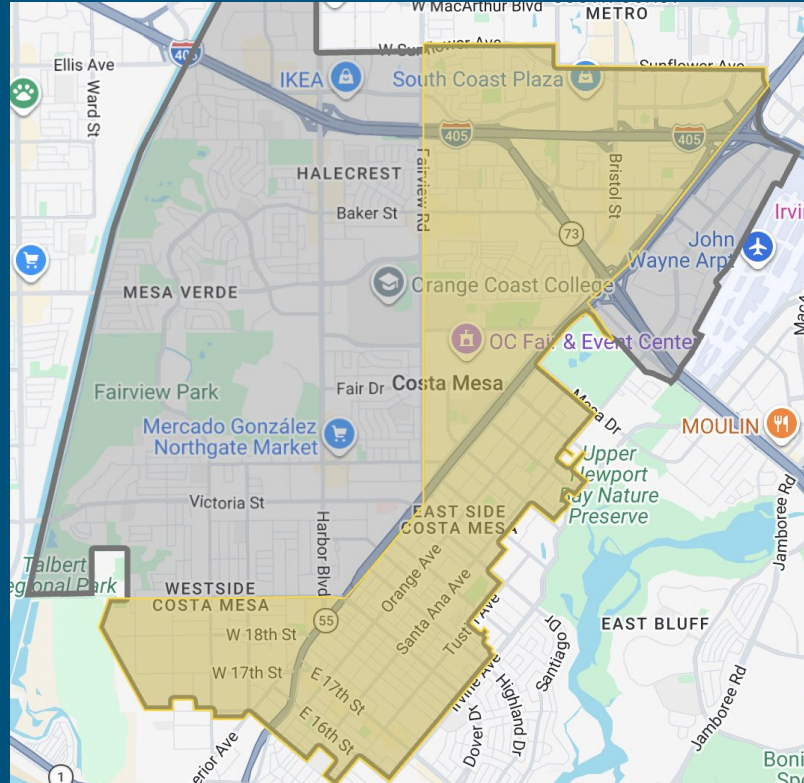
What's on the ballot?



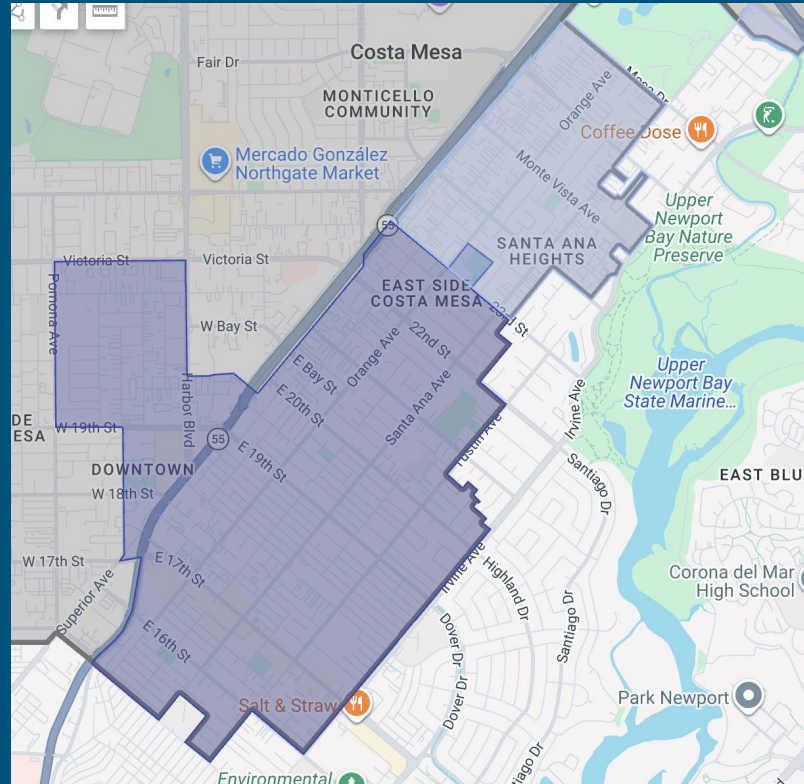
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Some new faces...

Jeff Harlan for IRWD Division 5!



“As an IRWD customer for more than 20 years, I’ve noticed our water rates increasing annually—by nearly 50 percent over the last 5 years alone. The current director has held this seat since 1979, and hasn’t faced an election since 2018! It’s time for a change.

As a land use attorney and urban planner, Planning Commissioner, and former City Councilmember, I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board. For more than 30 years I’ve focused my work on protecting the environment, conserving natural resources and open spaces, and investing in our infrastructure. As your Director, I will ensure our precious resources are safeguarded so you can enjoy safe, reliable, and affordable water. Vote Harlan for IRWD, Division 5!”

Andy Godinez for NMUSD Area 7!



**Andy
Godinez**
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NMUSD SCHOOL BOARD
Westside Costa Mesa

Priorities



Enhance Youth Enrichment

Free or low cost after-school sports and student-chosen activities for 7-12th grades, as well as tutors and mentors - to keep kids busy, safe, and developing lifelong skills, relationships, and self-confidence.



Expand Dual Immersion Options

Keep elementary communities together and expand dual immersion for Pomona, Rea, & Wilson and trilingual immersion for College Park and Adams - for preschool and elementary kids. Extend these language pathways across the EHS zone (TeWinkle & Estancia).



Equitable Facilities

Facilities should be well maintained across the district. Playgrounds should be opened as parks with programming on weekends and breaks, in partnership with the city. Building Estancia's football room is a key focus of mine.



Bridge Divides

Create joint events and activities to connect Westside communities divided by 19th St. I am an advocate for equal access to high quality education and safe spaces for every student in our district, regardless of background or zip code.

Mikelle Fish for Mesa Water Div. 5!



Let's talk ballot measures!



\$11 billion housing bond

- \$7.2 billion to acquire, build, or renovate rental housing through low-interest loans to local governments or private developers with a requirement that units are reserved for low-income households for 55 years and a portion of the funding used for supportive housing that provides mental health or substance abuse counseling;
- \$1.1 billion for homeownership loan programs and housing development for low- and moderate- income households;
- \$500 million for infrastructure projects, such as water, sewage, parks, and transportation;
- \$450 million for loans or grants for farmworker housing;
- \$350 million for student housing, split evenly between University of California and California State University;
- \$200 million for grants to tribes for housing projects; and
- \$200 million for local governments developing pilot projects to reduce housing costs.

Yes on 2!

Increases Rainy Day Fund Cap

- increase the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) cap from 10% to 20% of estimated general fund proceeds of taxes;
- increase deposits into the BSA by counting capital gains revenue above 10% of general fund proceeds of taxes at 150% of its value in the deposit calculation; extend through the 2039-40 fiscal year the requirement that half of those funds be appropriated for debts and liabilities, and add federal loans to the state's Unemployment Fund to the eligible obligations;
- exclude deposits into the BSA and the Projected Surplus Temporary Holding Account from the Gann Limit, while counting withdrawals against it; and
- provide that the governor's May budget revision constitutes a proclamation of a budget emergency when the conditions for one exist.



IT'S OFFICIAL - WE'RE ON THE BALLOT

YES **ON**
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PROTECT NEARLY \$15 BILLION FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Renew Income Tax Increase for Education funding

indefinitely extend the top marginal tax rates (ranging from 10.3% to 12.3%) set to expire in 2031 on single filers earning at least \$361,000 or joint filers earning at least \$721,000, with 89% of revenue allocated to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges.

Yes on 4!

Allows public financing of elections

repealing the ban on public financing of campaigns, enacted in 1988, and allowing the state and local governments to create programs that provide candidates with public funds under spending limits and eligibility rules.

Currently allowed in charter cities like Los Angeles

Yes on 5!

Changes state recall process

- eliminate the simultaneous election of a successor when a state officer is recalled, thereby leaving the office vacant until it is filled according to state law;
- allow the recalled officer to run again for the same office at the special election, if one is held; and
- authorize the lieutenant governor to fill a gubernatorial vacancy until the expired term, unless the vacancy occurred before the close of the nomination period for the next statewide election during the first two years of the governor's term, then a special election would be called and the winner would serve the remainder of the term.



\$25 billion homeownership bond

- establish a second mortgage homebuyer program for qualified homebuyers — defined as California residents of at least one year who earn at or below 200% of the area median income for a similar-sized family in the county or city where the home is located and provide a down payment of at least 3% of the purchase price — on qualifying homes administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), and
- authorize the CalHFA to issue up to \$25 billion in bonds to fund the program.



Immunology Research Bond

- authorize the state to issue \$8.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund immunology and immunotherapy research;
- require the state to enter a partnership with an immunology and immunotherapy research institute affiliated with the University of California and allocate half of the bond revenue to that research institute; and
- use the remaining funds for grants to California-based public and nonprofit medical research institutions for immunology and immunotherapy research.



Voter ID Measure

- require voters to present a government-issued ID for in-person voting or provide the last four digits of a government-issued ID designated during voter registration for mail-in voting;
- require election officials to "maintain accurate voter registration lists [and]... use best efforts to verify citizenship attestations using government data" and to report each year the percentage of each county's voter rolls that have been citizenship-verified;
- require the State Auditor to audit government compliance with these requirements during odd-numbered years and report "findings and recommendations for improving the integrity of elections to the public."



One-time billionaire tax

levy a one-time 5% tax on the accumulated wealth of taxpayers and trusts with covered assets valued over \$1 billion, including shares of capital stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and any legal or equitable interest, to fund state health care programs, food assistance programs, and public education.

No on 41!

Prohibit exclusion from spending Limit & require audits

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- require pre-election audits of tax-related ballot initiatives that have collected 25% of required signatures, with audit results included in the voter information pamphlet for any measure that qualifies for the ballot;
 - require state laws or ballot initiatives levying a new special tax enacted after January 1, 2026, to undergo state audits every four years to determine program effectiveness and cost-saving measures; and
 - prohibit the state from enforcing any tax that is exempted or excluded from the state spending limit enacted or effective on or after January 1, 2026.

No on 42!

Prohibit taxes on assets, savings, retroactive taxes

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- new taxes after January 1, 2026, on ownership or control of retirement holdings, individually-owned assets, and other forms of personal savings, and
 - retroactive taxes that result in a tax liability based on conduct, activities, or a status that occurred or was present prior to the effective date of the tax.

No on 43! $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Requirement for Taxes

- require a two-thirds vote by the electorate to enact, extend, or increase local special tax initiatives and prohibit local jurisdictions and ballot initiatives from enacting ad valorem property taxes, except for voter-approved bond debt-service taxes authorized elsewhere in the state constitution.

NO 44
ON PROP

STOP the ATTACK on Patients & Clinics

Restricts health center spending

require nonprofit federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to spend at least 90% of their annual total revenue on expenses that advance the health center's mission.

NO ON PROP 45

People Over Polluters: They Pollute. You Pay.

Changes to CEQA

make changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to:

- establish deadlines for public agencies to complete environmental review and take required actions for projects deemed essential under the law;
- limit public agencies' existing requirement to consider a range of project alternatives to reduce environmental impacts; and
- change the court review process for project approvals by setting deadlines for filing and resolving lawsuits and limiting the evidence and relief the court can consider and order.

Measure C: Costa Mesa Business License Fees

- Our current \$200 cap on business license fees has not been updated since 1985.
- The maximum rate a business would pay is \$15k/year
- Most businesses will have their fee stay the same
- The Measure is expected to net the City \$4.6 million annually
- Supporters —>
- No filed arguments against

Tom Arnold, Former Interim Costa Mesa Fire Chief

Steve Cathey, President Costa Mesa Firefighters Association

Art Perry, Director Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Liz Dorn Parker, Trustee Coast Community College District

Kirk Bauermeister, Costa Mesa Resident

Questions?

See You Next Month!

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