

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 5TH DISTRICT**

MARK BELDEN

Education and Qualifications: I am a candidate for the Assembly because I understand the particular rural needs of our area of California. I will support legislation and policies that better suit the needs of my constituents with "common sense" legislation.

Our elected representatives must be the voice of the people, not political parties or special interest groups whose sole purpose is to expand their ideology. Making public policy is not easy. It should not be. It should take into consideration the desires of all constituents as best as possible.

Like many of you, I am committed to reducing government waste, stretching each tax dollar further than it has ever been before. As a steward of the people's money we must not foolishly spend more than we take in and always be aware that every penny misspent will affect our future. That future is the one our children will inherit.

I will also be a strong and proud leader of personal freedoms and rights. Your freedom to choose religion, education, sexual orientation, marriage, women's choice or the and right to bear firearms will always be paramount. We must not allow our rights to be diminished in any way.

My victory as a "no party preference" legislator will be the first in California's history and a victory for the voters who support me in representing the 5th Assembly District. We as a legislative district will undoubtedly be looked upon as leaders and pioneers of future public policy. More education and qualifications @ mcbelden.com

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FRANK BIGELOW

AGE: 61

Occupation: Rancher/Businessman/Assemblyman

Education and Qualifications: As your Assemblyman, you've put your trust in me to protect taxpayers from Sacramento's out-of-control spending and to defend our way of life. Despite all the work we've done together, it's clear there are many problems left to solve.

That's why I'm asking for your trust to continue our fight for a stronger economy, a smaller state government, additional water storage for our communities and the quality education our children deserve.

Our region's unemployment rate remains higher than the rest of California and we simply must take action to provide economic opportunity for those who are out of work.

That opportunity starts with a strong education. That's why I supported a plan to invest in early childhood education and ensure our local schools get their fair share. And it's also why I'm supporting a proposal to help our schools build new facilities to help all our children succeed.

When it comes to strengthening our economy, I'll continue to work on policies that not only create new jobs, but also keep the ones we have from being lost to other states.

And I'll continue to be an outspoken voice to help deliver water to our communities and invest in water storage projects for the future.

I'd be honored with your trust and your vote to continue our fight for local jobs, increased water storage for our communities and to deliver an education that prepares students to compete in today's economy.

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ROBERT CARABAS

Education and Qualifications: My parents were Greek immigrants; my father was a barber who died when I was seven. I understand what it means to take any job, be poorly paid and struggle to imagine a hopeful future. A union job on the Great Northern Railway made college possible. I graduated from UC Berkeley and became an oil company credit manager. I understand the good and harm that money can do.

I am aware of hard work and low pay. For 35 years the lowest paid American workers haven't gotten a raise, their wages haven't grown with the economy, withholding \$15,000 a year. That money can't be spent in our communities and we are poorer for it. Our well-being depends upon a common economic foundation of living wages. It's time to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

I hate seeing money wasted. Other industrial nations provide healthcare to all their citizens and get better results at half the cost. An American middle class family of four wastes \$8,000 a year on healthcare, enough to educate their family or buy a home. Let's get a California Single Payer Healthcare system.

With five grandchildren, I bristle at global warming denial that has resulted in progressively less water. Today, 13 million dead pines; another 120 million are at risk. To dispose of those trees at \$1,000 each would cost \$13 billion, the price of political inaction. Those trees represent the threat of catastrophic wildfire. If we don't confront global warming it confronts us.
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