

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 8**

Mark Belden

I am a candidate for the State Legislature 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 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 Foothills District. We, as a legislative district, will undoubtedly be looked upon as leaders and pioneers of future public policy. More education and qualifications at mcbelden.com

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Andreas Borgeas Age: 43
Occupation: County Supervisor/Educator

As a husband and father I understand the challenges facing our community. Anna and I are blessed with two young boys, but today's California is far different from what we experienced and now I am fighting for a better tomorrow. From overwhelming taxes, unaffordable education, job-killing regulations and declining standards of living, more than ever we need strong and effective leadership at the State Capitol. As County Supervisor, I have balanced multi-billion dollar budgets, increased deputy patrols, fought bureaucratic waste, protected seniors and veterans from scammers, and helped employers create good jobs in our community. Count on me to fight against tax hikes, protect Proposition 13 and work to repeal the unfair gas tax. I will work to bring better paying jobs to Amador County while supporting the tourism and wine industries. You can also count on me to provide firefighters with the support they need to protect the foothills, homes and businesses of Amador County. I will help law enforcement solve more crimes by reinstating DNA collection of convicts. Also, I will fight for victims' rights and keep our communities safe by outlawing the early release of child sex traffickers and predators. As a teacher with over a decade of classroom experience, I support K-12 education reforms, increased vocational training and promoting greater local academic control. Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, Sheriffs and Deputies, Peace Officers Research Association of California, teachers, veterans, wine grape growers, farmers and small business owners support my candidacy. I hope you will too Please visit: www.Borgeas2018.com

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Tom Pratt

State Senate District 8 needs a strong voice in Sacramento! I will work hard to increase access to healthcare and funding for rural hospitals, to expand broadband availability, to keep our water clean, and to increase job training programs and to foster economic sustainability in this diverse region. I am committed to community service and have the track record to prove it. First elected in 1998 to my local school board in Southern California, I currently serve on the Vallecito Union School Board in Calaveras County. Hard work, civic duty and access to good education for all are important to me. Throughout my life, I've strived to live up to those beliefs in my volunteer work and in business. Having helped to start a small family company, I understand the issues facing the business community. Currently I am fighting to secure homeowners insurance for Sierra Foothill residents who continue to lose coverage because of wildfires. As senator, I will commit the same level of hard work to you and your community-- I'll fight for every one of you to build a future for a better California and a future for our children.
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