



2020 Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Voter Instructions and Information Pamphlet INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT:

- Remove the enclosed official ballot.
- Use a black ink pen only to mark your votes.
- To vote, completely fill in the oval (●) to the left of any candidate.
- Do not vote for more than the authorized number of candidates.
- To vote for a write-in candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided directly below the names of the other candidates for the office. Completely fill in the oval (●) to the left of the name using a black ink pen ONLY.

HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

- **Amador County is now 100% Vote-by-mail.** Every voter will receive a ballot in the mail.
- The ballot in this packet is your ballot, not a sample ballot. **Vote this ballot** according to the above instructions.
- Place your voted ballot inside the return envelope. Be sure the envelope is sealed and signed.
- **Return your ballot 1 of 3 ways.**
 - **Postage paid** mail.
 - You may also return your ballot at our **24-hour ballot drop-box** behind the County Administration Building, or any of our **6 additional drop-boxes** located throughout the county.
 - Lastly, you may bring your ballot to any of our **3 vote centers**.

Vote center and drop-box locations and hours are on the back of this guide, and online at www.amador.vote.

Your voted ballot must be **postmarked by Election Day and** received by the Elections Office by Friday, March 6 at 5 pm. It can be delivered on or before Election Day to the Elections Office, any drop-box, or any Vote Center; all ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day, **postage is not required**.

We will be happy to assist you if you have any questions. Our office is located at 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA. Telephone **(209) 223-6465**. Regular office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
On Election Day, the office hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: You must sign the Identification/Return envelope in your own handwriting! If your ballot envelope is not signed, your vote will not be counted!

You no longer need to authorize a person to return your Vote By Mail ballot. You may now allow someone to return your ballot regardless of their relationship to you. Simply write their name in the box on the back of the return envelope and have them sign.

To verify if your vote-by-mail ballot has been received, you may visit our website at: www.amador.vote

ASSISTANCE TO THE VISUALLY, HEARING, OR SPEECH IMPAIRED

Amador County also has the ExpressVote Universal Marking Device for voters who are unable to view or personally mark the ballot. For your convenience, these devices are located at all Vote Centers.

IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT

If you make a mistake, tear, or deface your ballot, return it to the Elections Office or any Vote Center and another ballot will be issued.

How to vote in a primary election

All voters can vote in a primary election.

Voting for President depends on the party with which you are registered.

The primary election in March chooses the candidates who will run in the General Election in November. You may see three different types of primaries on your ballot.

The way each primary works depends on the office.

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|  <p>Presidential Nominated by party</p> |  <p>California Top-Two Primary Nominated by voters</p> |  <p>County or Local Offices Nonpartisan Primary</p> |
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Who can vote in each type of primary election in 2020?

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| <p>Only voters who registered in the same political party as the candidate can vote for these offices.</p> <p>The following parties allow voters who registered with No Party Preference to vote in their 2020 primary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic, • American Independent, and • Libertarian | <p>All voters can vote for any candidate running for these offices.</p> | <p>All voters can vote for any candidate running for these offices.</p> |
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What is the result of each type of primary election?

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| <p>The winner of each party's Presidential primary will help select who will represent that political party in the General Election.</p> | <p>The top two candidates with the most votes move on to the General Election.</p> <p>They may have the same party preference.</p> | <p>Candidates who receive 50% plus 1 vote are elected.</p> <p>Or, if no candidate wins, the two candidates with the most votes move on to the General Election.</p> |
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Which offices are in each type of primary in 2020?

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| <p>The candidates' party always appears on the ballot.</p> | <p>The candidates' party preference (or "None") always appears on the ballot.</p> | <p>The candidates' party preference never appears on the ballot.</p> |
| <p>U.S. President</p> <p>Parties also nominate candidates for County Central Committees and County Councils.</p> | <p>U.S. Congress Member State Assembly Member</p> | <p>County Supervisor, District 1 County Supervisor, District 2 County Supervisor, District 4</p> |

How to vote in a primary election

How to vote in the Presidential Primary

Six political parties are holding Presidential Primaries:

- ★ Democratic
- ★ American Independent
- ★ Libertarian
- ★ Republican
- ★ Green
- ★ Peace and Freedom

If you are registered with one of these parties, your ballot will include the candidates running for that party's nomination.

If you are registered with one political party, you **may not** vote a ballot for another political party.

You can only vote for the County Central Committees/County Councils if you are registered with that party.

If you are not registered with one of the six political parties, or if you registered Decline to State, Independent, or Nonpartisan, you are a **No Party Preference (NPP) Voter**.

Three parties allow NPP voters to vote in their presidential primary:

- Democratic
- American Independent
- Libertarian

If you want to vote in one of these party primaries, you must ask for that ballot. Otherwise, you will receive a Nonpartisan ballot that will not include the office of President.

Three parties allow only voters registered with their party to vote in their presidential primary:

- Republican
- Green
- Peace and Freedom

If you want to change your party registration before the primary, the last day to re-register to vote is February 17, 2020. Information is online at www.amador.vote and in the county Voter Information Guide.

How to vote in the California Top-Two Primary

In a Top-Two Primary, you can cast your vote for any candidate.

- All candidates from all parties will be on the ballot for these contests.
- You don't have to be registered with a party to vote on these contests.
- You can vote for a candidate from any party.
- You can "write in" a candidate in the Primary Election.
- The two candidates with the most votes will appear on the General Election ballot even if they have the same party preference.

Nonpartisan offices: Judges, County Supervisor, and County offices are always open to all eligible voters.

What does party preference mean?

Voters may either register with a political party preference or choose "none."

A candidate's party preference does not necessarily mean that they have that political party's support. The list of candidates who receive a party's official endorsement is in the county Voter Information Guide.



TOP TWO CANDIDATE OPEN PRIMARY

A Top Two Primary lets you vote for any candidate (for most races), even if you are not in the same political party. The top two candidates - the ones who receive the most votes in the primary -will be on the General Election ballot in November no matter what party they are from.

Top Two DOES NOT apply to elections for President, Party Central Committees, or County Offices

California law requires the following information be printed in this notice.

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES (State Offices; Senate, Assembly)

A candidate is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at either the primary or general election. A candidate shall have their party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot. Party designation is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated. In the county sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party’s official endorsement. Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation.

NON PARTISAN OFFICES (Local Offices)

A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

In accordance with Section 13302(b) of the California Elections Code, the following qualified political parties have endorsed the following candidates for a voter nominated office:

| PARTY PREFERENCE | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 | ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 5 |
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| Democratic | Brynne Kennedy | No Recommendation |
| Republican | Tom McClintock | Frank Bigelow |
| American Independent | Tom McClintock | No Recommendation |

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Among all local candidates appearing on ballots in Amador County, the following people have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code.

Member of the State Assembly, District 5

Frank Bigelow – Republican

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

This guide may not contain a complete list of candidate statements. Each candidate’s statement is volunteered by the candidate, and is printed at the expense of the candidate.

This guide contains information for all local contests. Consult your ballot for your specific contests and candidates.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4

Name: Brynne Kennedy
Occupation: Businesswoman

It's time to put country first and reject the toxic partisanship that is tearing our nation apart.

As patriots, we can say "yes" to working together and solving big problems like fixing our roads and bridges, lowering the cost of healthcare, stopping special interest corruption, and protecting our communities from wildfires.

I built a successful business from scratch by challenging outdated systems, and creating tools to help more workers access middle class jobs. As a businesswoman, I didn't care about Republican or Democratic solutions. I cared about the right solution.

That's how I'll work for you in Congress – by always putting the interests of our community and our country ahead of party bosses in Washington.

I will:

Fight waste of our tax dollars by using technology to streamline bureaucracy and increase transparency--so taxpayers can access the services we pay for and hold politicians accountable;

Protect people with pre-existing conditions, while working to lower healthcare premiums and drug prices;

Increase federal wildfire prevention efforts, modernize our power system and fight for families struggling with home insurance cancellations and PG&E blackouts;

Demand tax reform that's fair to our district by closing special interest loopholes, incentivizing small businesses, and restoring state and local tax deductions for California families;

Reject corporate PAC money and fight corruption by ending unlimited campaign donations.

Together, we can heal the divisions tearing our nation apart. Join us as we unite to put partisanship aside and put our community first.

Learn more at www.BrynneforCongress.com.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4

Name: Tom McClintock
Occupation: United States Representative

Nations that cannot enforce their borders simply aren't around very long. This election will decide if that is to be America's fate. The Left have made clear their desire to decriminalize our immigration laws, cease deportations, and even provide sanctuary to dangerous criminal aliens. I stand with the President in his determination to secure our borders, protect our communities and restore the rule of law before it is too late.

This election will also decide whether we succumb to the empty promises of socialism or restore the uniquely American principles of freedom that made ours the happiest and most prosperous nation on earth.

The tax cuts and regulatory relief we've won are producing bigger paychecks, better jobs, and long overdue bonuses and raises for American families. We've seen what happens when an all-powerful government tries to command our economic decisions, micro-manage our daily lives and consume more and more of our earnings. Are you better off today than you were four years ago? If so, then why go back?

Freedom works. Government over-regulation has made a mess of everything from healthcare and water to electricity and insurance. A healthy, competitive, consumer-driven economy can restore the abundance, excellence and reliability of all those things on which our quality of life depends, and that we once took for granted.

You sent me to Washington to fight for these proven policies. I need your support to continue our progress.

You can read more at TomMcClintock.com.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4

Name: Julianne Benzel

Congress needs to change!

Congress is supposed to represent "We the People." You and me.

However, our dysfunctional Congress has become increasingly detached and indifferent to the majority of Americans. We need to dramatically reverse that trend.

I want to fight for your families, freedom, and future.

I have lived my entire life in District 4, a vast and beautiful tapestry of rural and suburban America. Critical issues confront the citizens of District 4—the need for sustained economic growth and job opportunities, improved infrastructure, affordable healthcare, and the housing crisis. I will be your advocate on all of these issues and many others. As I have traveled throughout District 4, the most common question asked is: "Where is our voice on the national level? We have no presence here." Our congressional voice should match the greatness of this district. Critical issues have changed, and we can no longer afford a placeholder in office. We need a "firebrand." I am that candidate. I will bring a new voice and mindset to Washington D.C. to advocate for the citizens of District 4. I will view all sides of these critical issues and reach an objective and representative conclusion.

My name is Julianne Benzel, and I welcome your vote.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 5

Name: Frank Bigelow **Age:** 66
Occupation: Rancher/Businessman/Assemblyman

Too often elected representatives forget where they come from, who they work for, and what they stand for. Fortunately, your continued support keeps me firmly rooted in our community and our values.

Those values provide the strength to defend us against liberal policies that threaten our way of life and the fabric of our community. As a husband, father and grandfather I have every reason in the world to continue the fight and keep us united.

My priorities remain protecting our region; we must restore our forest health, ensure our communities stay safe, and protect taxpayers by making California affordable. It's clear we have our work cut out for us.

For years, environmental extremists prevented us from thinning our forests to guard against catastrophic wildfires. Thankfully, I joined with Republicans and Democrats to craft a solution that strengthened our wildfire prevention efforts and directed much needed funding toward forest health to keep us safe. I'm honored to have the support of front-line firefighters.

When it comes to keeping our community safe from violent crime, I'm as tough as they come. I'm especially proud that my record of supporting tougher penalties has earned the support of front-line law enforcement.

I'm even more honored that my work to lower taxes and stop policies that have made California unaffordable have earned me top marks from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

What really matters most is having your trust and your vote to continue serving as your voice in the State Assembly.

www.FrankBigelow.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

Name: Patrick Crew

As I ask for your vote for a second term as your Supervisor, I am reaffirming my commitment to all the voters in Amador County. As an elected official to the non-partisan office of Amador County Supervisor, I believe the most important part of the job is making sure every item that comes before the Board is given a fair hearing. Accomplishing that requires time and energy to gather information from all parties. Discussions with constituents are the most satisfying part of the job! Besides learning about issues, it always comes back to the fiscal question, "Can we afford it?" I am proud of my voting record. I take pride in being a pro-business, fiscal conservative. We can't spend money we don't have.

The key issues facing us in the next decade are the state of our roads, the complexity of the homeless issue, the cost and availability of fire insurance, and increasing costs for government to provide the basic services of water, sewer, police and fire. In addition, the rural health care crisis is real and daunting. I have been working on these and other concerns, and they will continue to be my focus if re-elected in 2020.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

Name: Dana Calhoun

Dana Calhoun is from the small coastal town of Los Gatos. After spending twenty years in El Dorado County, she decided to make Amador County her permanent residence in 2016. But Dana is no stranger to Amador as she spent her summers in Lone since the 1970's. Dana dedicated two decades to hospitality management, both for Fortune 500 companies as well as consulting for sole proprietors, then eventually opening her own restaurant in 2009. As Owner/Executive Chef and Contractor [for the Federal Government], Dana's professional expertise was sought to consult on new business projects throughout California. Her experience in small and large business management contributes to Dana's ability to finetune critical details while successfully producing simultaneously. Dana and her husband are both involved in their community as elected officials and volunteers on various Boards and Committees while raising two young boys, 7 & 13. As a wife of a firefighter and veteran, Dana is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders and Lone Firefighters Association, and is currently developing a community-oriented nonprofit. Her goal, as your Supervisor, includes fiscal oversight and accountability, increasing tourism to help small businesses, education advocacy and public safety. Vote for change!

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

Name: Richard M. Forster
Occupation: District 2 Supervisor / Rancher

I am honored to serve as your District 2 Supervisor, and I'm proud of what I've accomplished. I've represented our district by listening to the concerns of all people by attending meetings and events and interacting with residents, many who have become good friends. Besides my family, my constituents and their concerns are most important. I can't agree with everyone all the time, but I respect all people and make decisions based on what I feel is best for our district and our county.

I am especially proud that Amador County has had balanced budgets each year that I have served on the Board of Supervisors. During my tenure on the Board, I supported projects that helped create employment and opportunity in our community while honoring our historic values.

I've served as President of the Rural County Representatives of California (35 Counties) and the California State Association of Counties (all 58 Counties), which brought important recognition and value to our county. I have many years of service to our community on the Lone Business Association, Lone Rotary, Native Sons, Sutter Amador Hospital Foundation Board, and Preston Castle Foundation.

I ask for your support for continued responsible leadership.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4

Name: Frank Axe
Occupation: Incumbent
Age: 59

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Amador County District 4 supervisor since 2017. I originally ran for the board of supervisors to keep Amador County a great place to live, work and retire. While we've made real progress in the last three years, much more needs to be done. That is why I'm running for re-election to the Amador County Board of Supervisors.

I will continue to be a voice for inclusion, civility, and respect, welcoming ideas from everyone—not just people who think like me. As your county supervisor I represent you and put the public's interest first.

When I ran for supervisor in 2016, I had five main goals: 1) build a stronger local economy, 2) secure fire protection and public safety, 3) protect our rural quality of life, 4) support critical services, and 5) ensure government accountability.

As your county supervisor, I've done my best to move the county forward with those goals in mind. But there's more work to be done. And I'd like to have a chance to finish what I have begun.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you,

Frank Axe



Census 2020: What you need to know

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here's a quick review of what it is and why it's important that everyone is counted.

What is it?

The census is a process of counting every person living in the United States. The first census took place in 1790. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years.

What is it used for?

Representation: Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to determine how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives. This determines how many electoral college votes each state has as well.

Money: The results of the census also help with deciding the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds and grants to be spent locally on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Boundaries: After every census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for change in population.

Your privacy

Your privacy is protected. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

How you can be involved

Be counted! 2020 will be easier than ever to participate in. In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

It takes lots of people to count the number of people living in our country. The Census Bureau needs your ideas on how to make sure everyone in our community gets counted.

Find out more at:
www.2020census.gov

Vote Center Locations available starting...

| <i>February 4, 2020 Through Election Day</i> §4005(a)(4)(A) | <i>February 22, 2020 Through Election Day</i> §4005(a)(4)(A) | <i>February 29, 2020 Through Election Day</i> §4005(a)(3)(A) |
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| Amador County Elections Office 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 Regular Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon – Fri Hours starting February 22, 2020: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat – Sun 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election day | Mace Meadows Golf Course 26570 Fairway Drive Pioneer, CA 95666 Hours starting February 22, 2020: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day | Ione Memorial Hall 207 S. Amador St. Ione, CA 95640 Hours starting February 29, 2020: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day |

Drop-Box Locations available starting February 4, 2020

24-Hour Ballot Drop-off Locations

§4005(a)(1)(B)

Amador County Administrative Center

810 Court Street
 Jackson, CA 95642
 In rear parking lot

Outside and Accessible 24 hours daily

Daytime Ballot Drop-off Locations

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(IV), §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VII)

Ione Plaza Market (Inside store)

313 Preston Ave.
 Ione, CA 95640

Accessible 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Pokerville Market (Inside store)

18170 State Hwy 49
 Plymouth, CA 95669

Accessible 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday

Pine Grove Market (Inside store)

19394 State Hwy 88
 Pine Grove, CA 95665

Accessible 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

Volcano Country Store (Inside store) 16146

Main St.
 Volcano, CA 95689

Accessible 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Young’s Payless Market IGA (Inside store)

26560 State Hwy 88
 Pioneer, CA 95666

Accessible 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

