



**VOTE BY MAIL**  
**Voter Information Guide**

**November 5, 2024**  
**GENERAL ELECTION**



**YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT  
AND RETURN ID ENVELOPE  
ARE ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET!**

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## ***What's inside the Voter Information Guide?***

1. Important Election Dates to Remember
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3. Top Two Candidate Information
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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**OCTOBER 7, 2024: FIRST DAY** to vote and mail your Vote by Mail ballot. You're encouraged to mail your ballot **EARLY** so it will be included with the first ballots to be counted and reported.

**OCTOBER 15, 2024: CALL** if you have **NOT** received your ballot 530-283-6256.

**OCTOBER 21, 2024: LAST DAY** to register to vote or update your voter registration if you've moved.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024: LAST DAY** Vote by Mail ballots can be postmarked and received at the Elections Department within 7 days to be processed.



## **VOTE BY MAIL IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

Please read before voting!

### **STEP 1: MARKING YOUR BALLOT**

Mark your ballot using a dark blue or black ballpoint pen (Do Not Use Red). Fill in the oval next to the candidate or measure you're voting for like this: 

To vote for a write-in, write the name of the candidate in the space on the ballot and fill in the oval next to the name.

Do NOT place any mark or signature on the ballot that makes it identifiable. Your signature goes on the Return ID Envelope only. Do NOT CUT OFF any portion of the ballot. There are no stubs. Call the Elections Department if you need help.

### **STEP 2: REVIEW YOUR BALLOT**

You do not have to vote on all contests or measures; those you do vote on will still count. If you vote both Yes and No on a measure, or vote for more candidates than allowed, your vote will not count for that measure or candidate as it is an over-vote. If you make a mistake you can get a replacement ballot by calling the Elections Department for the process, or visit our website at [www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home](http://www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home)

### **STEP 3: SIGNING YOUR BALLOT RETURN ID ENVELOPE**

Make sure your name is on the blue Return ID Envelope and place your voted ballot inside.

**Sign your own signature** (it will be verified), print your name and date and Plumas County residence address (NOT A PO BOX) on the line provided. No one other than the voter that the ballot is issued to may sign the Return ID Envelope or it cannot be processed.

### **STEP 4: SEAL THE RETURN ID ENVELOPE**

After you have completed the voting process and signed the envelope, seal the ballot inside. A privacy tab will cover your signature.

### **STEP 5: RETURNING THE VOTED BALLOT**

Return your Vote by Mail ballot enclosed inside the completed Return ID Envelope. It must be postmarked no later than Election Day, November 5, 2024. Mail your ballot early to make sure you meet this deadline. You may also deliver your ballot in the Return ID Envelope to the convenient Ballot Return Box located just outside of the main entrance to the Courthouse at 520 Main Street, Quincy or bring it to Room 102. If you are unable to return your ballot yourself, complete the authorization box on the Return ID Envelope and have someone return it for you.

If you have questions or want to check the status of your Vote by Mail ballot, call

**1-844-676-VOTE or 530-283-6256**



# VOTERS, IT'S UP TO YOU

The most important things to do to make sure your ballot is counted first:

Review your ballot as soon as you receive it!

Vote your ballot by filling in the ovals.

Make sure the envelope has your name on it.

**SIGN YOUR OWN SIGNATURE** on the line and include your Plumas County **RESIDENCE** address. Signatures are verified with your voter registration card and must match.

**MAIL YOUR BALLOT BACK EARLY!** Delaying the mailing of your ballot could result in the Elections Department not receiving it in time to count it.



# **NEW - TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY and VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES**

## **What is a Top Two Primary?**

The top two candidates who get the most votes in the primary are on the General Election ballot. It became law in 2010 when the voters passed Prop 14.

## **What does party preference mean?**

Party preference refers to the political party you - or the candidate - is registered with. It's listed under each candidate's name on the ballot. The word "None" appears for candidates who are not registered with a party. For example:

**JOHN SMITH**

Party Preference: Democratic

**JANE DOE**

Party Preference: Republican

**JEFF JONES**

Party Preference: None

## **Do all offices follow the Top Two Rules?**

No. Offices that used to be known as "partisan offices" (e.g., state constitutional offices, U.S. Congress, and state legislative offices) are now known as "voter-nominated" offices. What used to be known as a "political party affiliation" is now known as a "political party preference".

## **Can the Top Two candidates be from the same party?**

Yes. The Top Two candidates might be from the same party, different parties, or no party.



## CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

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### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR US REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 3

**JESSICA MORSE**

**Age: 42**

**Occupation:** Former Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience

My family has been in the Sierra Foothills for five generations. I grew up fishing, hunting, and backpacking, including hiking 500 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail. My parents were teachers and didn't make much money, but they worked hard and taught us to give back to our church and community. So, when I graduated college in the wake of 9/11, I raised my hand to help. As a civilian, I deployed to Iraq alongside our troops. I spent the next decade serving in national security roles around the world, working to stop corruption, human trafficking and terrorism.

In 2018, when the Camp Fire broke out in Paradise, I dropped everything to serve again and help find solutions to prevent such devastating fires. I joined the California Natural Resources Agency as Deputy Secretary leading wildfire prevention efforts. I worked hand in glove with CAL FIRE, loggers, and environmental leaders, to design and implement a nation-leading wildfire prevention program to protect our families, homes, communities, and public lands, showing real results in reducing megafires.

A wildfire doesn't ask if you're a Republican or a Democrat and neither do I. It's time to solve our common challenges: skyrocketing costs of insurance, housing, and gas; turning the tide on homelessness; providing quality affordable healthcare; and protecting women's reproductive rights.

We all want our children safe in schools and our seniors to retire with dignity. Our community deserves a fierce advocate and problem solver.

Together we can vanquish partisan politics through true public service.

[www.morseforcongress.com](http://www.morseforcongress.com)

s/Jessica Morse

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR US REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 3

**KEVIN KILEY**

**Age: 39**

**Occupation:** United States Representative

Two years ago, I ran for Congress pledging to work in a bipartisan fashion to reduce the national debt and out-of-control spending that harms our economy, makes inflation worse, and jeopardizes our future.

As your Representative, I worked to enact the Bi-Partisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, limiting spending and saving taxpayers \$2.1 trillion by cutting waste, fraud, and abuse while fully protecting Social Security, Medicare, and support for our veterans.

We have all witnessed the devastating consequences of this Administration's failure to secure the border: deadly fentanyl, dangerous criminals, and human trafficking. I helped pass the Secure the Border Act and have urged the President to sign this legislation for common-sense border security.

As your Representative I work to make sure your tax dollars come back to our district for critical projects. As a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, I secured \$22 million in federal assistance for critical local projects and \$176 Million for water infrastructure and wildfire protection to protect homes and help bring down fire insurance rates.

As a former high school teacher, I'm working on the Education Committee to defend parental rights and increase excellence in education. As a former Deputy Attorney General, I'm working on the Judiciary Committee to support law enforcement and stop rising crime.

Our district is where I was born, raised, and attended public schools. It is an honor to be your Representative, and I humbly ask for your vote. Visit [ElectKevinKiley.com](http://ElectKevinKiley.com) to learn more. Thank you.

s/Kevin Kiley



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### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 1

#### DAVID FENNELL

##### Occupation:

My name is David Fennell. I am running to be your State Senator in the newly redrawn Senate District 1. From the White House to local offices, there is a concern that current leaders are too aged or sometimes are not healthy enough for the job.

There needs to be a new generation to lead the North State!

Our great farmers literally feed our nation. Our education systems and businesses power the world economy. Yet too often our great North State is outvoted by special interests in Los Angeles.

It is time to elect a North State fighter who will ensure water for farmers, protect our forests against fire and ensure new economic development for our rural communities and inner cities.

The North State is in a state of transitions with a wave of retirees and an influx of new residents and technology companies.

We have problems with homelessness.

Our university enrollments are down.

Crime is up.

To address these problems we need to elect a new generation of leaders!

I am a business owner, but I also come from a farming family. I have the experience and education to lead our great state.

We want a leader who will expand opportunities while preserving our North State way of life.

It is time to elect a fighter!

Our best years are yet to come!

Vote David Fennell for State Senate!

I won't let you down California!

[www.fennellforsenate.com](http://www.fennellforsenate.com)

s/David Fennell

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 1

#### MEGAN DAHLE

##### Occupation: Farmer/Businesswoman/Mother

As an Assemblywoman, I championed issues of the North State in Sacramento and successfully secured tens of millions of dollars for our communities.

There is more work to be done.

Reducing California's high cost of living is my top priority.

Families can't afford the rising gas tax, higher taxes and increased healthcare costs.

That's why I fought to reduce the gas tax, backed legislation to cap the price of insulin at \$35 for a 30 day supply, voted to lower taxes on items needed by pregnant women, and supported legislation to require insurance companies to cover diagnostic imaging for women suspected of having breast cancer.

Crime is out of control and we need criminals off our streets.

In the Assembly, I led efforts to crack down on sexual predators, co-authored a law to more severely punish human traffickers, and backed measures to more effectively prosecute fentanyl dealers.

To reduce homelessness, I've supported legislation that addresses mental health and addiction issues.

Working to prevent catastrophic wildfires, I've fought for increased forestry management, proper maintenance of power lines, and increased firefighting resources. These efforts will improve fire insurance availability and cost, protect homes, and save lives.

The California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen and CAL FIRE Local 2881 support my re-election. Please join them and my campaign to get California back on track.

Please visit [www.votemegandahle.com](http://www.votemegandahle.com) to learn more about my values.

I would be honored to have your vote.

s/Megan Dahle



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### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

**HEATHER HADWICK**

**Occupation:**

I'm a farmer, emergency manager, teacher, wife, and mother who sees how Sacramento ignores and neglects the people of our North State. It's time to change that. My priorities are:

Preventing catastrophic wildfires. Improve forest management and fully fund firefighter response. I was Deputy Director of Modoc County's Office of Emergency Services - responsible for evacuations, preparedness plans, and recovery efforts. I'll work to make sure people can get fire insurance!

Increasing water storage. Make sure farms and families get the water they need while protecting our watersheds.

Abolishing soft-on-crime laws. Hold criminals accountable for their actions, demand the federal government secure the border, and end California's "Sanctuary City" laws that protect illegal immigrant criminals from deportation.

Making food, housing, gas, healthcare and other daily needs more affordable. Get rid of unfair taxes and fees that nickel and dime us to death and protect Proposition 13 to stop property tax increases.

Getting schools back to basics. As a former school board President, teacher, and mom, I'm fighting to keep political agendas out of schools so students can spend time learning to read, write, and do math. I believe in parental choice and letting local school boards govern their districts.

I am pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-property rights, and pro-parental rights.

I've been endorsed by California Professional Firefighters, CALFIRE Local 2881, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, State Senator Brian Dahle, and Assemblywoman Megan Dahle.

s/Heather Hadwick

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

**TENESSA AUDETTE**

**Occupation:** Mayor of Redding, Small Business Owner, Water Board

**Age: 47**

My job is to fight for and represent Plumas County: I will assign more rural field representatives. Government needs to be more strategic and limited, prioritizing you.

We must protect our homes from catastrophic wildfires by reducing forest fuels, restoring the Timber Industry and local mills. Instead of reactive crisis management, we need to proactively manage resources and protect homeowners insurance so our communities can thrive.

California is broken and the status quo will not fix it. Like you, I'm tired of the same bad policies producing the same bad results with no accountability. I'm a mom, small business owner, and Mayor of Redding. I'm also a Rotarian, local Chamber member, and Constitution Instructor.

My service on statewide Water, Transportation, Homelessness, and Land Use Boards means I know how to navigate the system to champion Plumas County's values. Sacramento badly manages our tax dollars. I will fight to lower taxes and cost of living while protecting water for farms and ranches, and livestock from predators.

Active sheriffs overwhelmingly endorse me, including Modoc County Constitutional Sheriff Tex Dowdy, who said, "Tenessa is the only candidate I trust to support law enforcement, protect our rights, and fight for our values."

I'm pro-life. I stand for the 2nd amendment, parental rights, school choice, and the removal of sexually explicit material from schools.

Government is too big, and the people are suffering under its weight. I ask for your vote to help lift that burden and restore hope. Call me directly (530) 255-4033, [www.VoteTenessa.com](http://www.VoteTenessa.com).

s/Tenessa Audette



## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 6, 2031.

The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending on January 6, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

## Expenditure Limits

The following State Legislative candidates, listed in alphabetical order, have accepted the voluntary expenditure limitations pursuant to Proposition 34:

**State  
Senate District 1**  
Megan Dahle  
David Fennell

**State  
Assembly District 1**  
Tenessa Audette  
Heather Hadwick



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### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR EASTERN PLUMAS HEALTH CARE

#### **LINDA SATCHWELL**

**Occupation:** Incumbent, Board of Directors, Eastern Plumas Health Care

I have served on the Eastern Plumas Health Care (EPHC) Board of Directors for four years and am currently the Vice Chairperson. Also, I worked for several years as a consultant, recruiting doctors, and writing grant applications and news features for two rural health care districts in Northern California. Before that, I worked for ten years at EPHC in public relations and physician recruitment. In addition, I covered the hospital as a reporter for Plumas County's newspapers.

I know how vital our small, rural hospital, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities are to our local community. Many community members aren't able to travel for their health care, and many residents, especially elderly ones, depend on our local hospital in case of emergencies, where every minute matters. I have a good understanding of the history of our hospital, which helps in guiding it towards a successful future. During my tenure on the Board, I've seen the hospital weather some difficult times. I've also seen how important it is to have a dedicated, cohesive Board of Directors that takes its oversight duties seriously. That means supporting the hospital and its employees. It also means asking necessary questions and working to resolve conflicts. I'm committed to making sure that all of the residents EPHC serves - in both Plumas and Sierra Counties - are provided the quality care and services they deserve.

s/Linda Satchwell

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR EASTERN PLUMAS HEALTH CARE

#### **LEORA B. SAPIR**

**Occupation:**

With 33 years of experience as a nurse practitioner, I am eager to contribute my expertise and dedication as a new candidate with a fresh outlook on the Eastern Plumas Healthcare board. My career has been defined by a deep commitment to patient advocacy, ensuring that everyone receives the highest quality of care. I now wish to extend this commitment by serving our community on the board.

My work with many international aid organizations like Doctors Without Borders and the International Rescue Committee has placed me on the front lines of global health crises, including cholera and Ebola. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to healthcare and allowed me to navigate complex healthcare challenges. I am ready to bring this same dedication to Eastern Plumas Healthcare.

Beyond my clinical practice, I have served on various boards, including nonprofits. This experience has equipped me to help guide Eastern Plumas Healthcare effectively, ensuring it thrives and helps meet our community's needs.

I am honored to have the endorsements of Dr. Jay Hibler, former chief of staff, physicians at Eastern Plumas Healthcare, and Christina Potter, FNP, Loyalton Clinic. Their support underscores my commitment to excellence and my readiness to lead.

I ask for your vote to serve on the board. Together, we can enhance healthcare delivery, protect our community's well-being, and ensure that everyone has access to the care they deserve.

s/Leora B. Sapir BS, RN, MSN, APN



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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
EASTERN PLUMAS HEALTH CARE****PAUL SWANSON MD****Occupation:**

I've been an emergency physician at Eastern Plumas Health Care since 2002, medical director of the hospital since 2012, on the Board of Directors since 2014. My aim is to make sure EPHC provides the best possible care for everyone and stays here for the community far into the future. Small rural hospitals are continually at risk and need to be run right to survive. As a doctor involved in the operation of the hospital I provide the board invaluable experience, perspective and understanding. Over the last 22 years I've had the privilege of caring for a large part of our community as patients in the emergency room. It's very real to me how important our hospital is to our community. Everyone needs the emergency room sooner or later. Everyone needs ongoing medical care sooner or later. Help me keep our hospital here providing excellent medical care for everyone. I want this hospital here for you when you need it.

s/Paul Swanson MD



## **BALLOT MEASURE D**

Shall a measure authorizing the County of Plumas to impose a special transaction and use tax in the total amount of three fourth percent (3/4%) to be used solely for purpose of providing the citizens in Plumas County Public Safety Services through the Plumas County Sheriff's Office be approved?

**NO STATEMENTS FOR OR AGAINST WERE FILED FOR THIS MEASURE**

**FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:**

<https://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/49477/20240829164948?bidId=>



## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D

Measure D, if approved by the voters, would approve the levying within the County of Plumas the adoption of a three-fourths percent (3/4%) of one percent transactions and use tax, commonly referred to as a “sales tax”, pursuant to Section 7285 of the Revenue and Taxation Code commencing on the first day of the calendar quarter more than 110 days after the adoption of the ordinance.

A transactions tax is a sales tax, due on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property within the county. A use tax is an excise tax imposed on the storage use or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer for storage use or consumption within the county. The ordinance contains several exemptions and exclusions from the tax.

Special taxes can only be utilized for those purposes identified in the ordinance imposing the tax and cannot be used for general governmental purposes. 80% of the proceeds of the special tax will be used to maintain adequate Sheriff's Office services for the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the county. Examples include increasing safety in the county by providing sufficient law enforcement patrol coverage, ensuring the deputies are properly equipped, and increasing wages to attract potential sheriff office employees. The remaining 20% of the net revenues will be used for critical infrastructure that enhances public safety in Plumas County. Examples include communications technology, fire services, and related equipment and/or services. Oversight for all expenditures shall be through a citizens' committee, the “Tax Sale Oversight Board” who will meet on a quarterly basis.

The proceeds will only be used in addition to, and not to supplant, or in any way replace or serve as a substitute for, the level of funding for the Plumas County Sheriff's Office that is provided from other revenue sources.

This measure includes: 1) All net revenues when received, and all interest on said revenues, shall be placed in separate accounts and apart from the general fund, and shall be designated for use and used in the providing of Sheriff and Public Safety Services through the Plumas County Sheriff's Office; 2) To ensure that the use of transactions and use tax revenues and the level of funding requirements are met, the Tax Oversight Board shall submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors and the public.

Passage of Measure A requires approval of two-thirds of the voters voting thereon. Measure A can only be repealed by a majority of votes of the voters of Plumas County.

A “YES” vote on Measure D means you wish to enact the special tax.

A “NO” vote on Measure D means you do not wish to enact the special tax.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors of Plumas County.

Joshua Brechtel

Interim County Counsel

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure D.



# PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Proposition 14, approved by the voters in 2010, authorizes political parties to endorse candidates for Voter-Nominated offices. This Pamphlet contains the official endorsements that were received by the deadline and are printed as submitted.

The **American Independent Party** endorses the following candidate(s):

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Party Preference</u>
Kevin Kiley	Congressional District 3	Republican
David Fennell	Senate District 1	Republican
Tenessa Audette	Assembly District 1	Republican

The **Democratic Party** endorses the following candidate(s).

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Party Preference</u>
Jessica Morse	Congressional District 3	Democrat

The **Republican Party** endorses the following candidate(s).

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Party Preference</u>
Kevin Kiley	Congressional District 3	Republican



## **PLUMAS COUNTY VOTES BY MAIL**

Voting by mail is easy and convenient. Ballots are mailed to each voter 29 days prior to Election Day.

The postage paid BLUE Ballot Return Identification Envelope is a very important part of voting by mail! Verify your name is printed on the blue envelope, sign your own signature (signatures are verified with your voter registration card), print your name and your Plumas County residence address (not your PO Box) on the lines provided. Returned ID Envelopes without signatures prevent your ballot from being processed.

Instructions for voting your ballot are printed at the top of your ballot. Call us if you have questions.

The Courthouse located at 520 Main Street in Quincy is accessible and voting equipment is available to voters with special needs.

To contact us:

530-283-6256 or toll free at 1-844-676-VOTE.

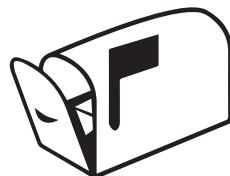


# RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT:

## MAIL IT

Vote by Mail ballots must be postmarked by November 5, 2024 and received within 7 days to be processed and counted!

OR



## DROP IT OFF

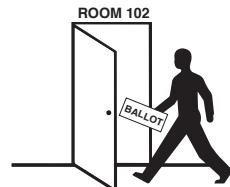
A Vote by Mail ballot (sealed inside the signed Return ID Envelope), can be dropped in the convenient Ballot Return Box at the front of the Courthouse at 520 Main Street, Quincy.

OR



## BRING IT IN

A Vote by Mail ballot (sealed inside the signed Return ID Envelope), can be brought in to the Elections Department Room 102 at the Courthouse at 520 Main Street, Quincy.



You do not have to wait until Election Day.

Ballots mailed on Election Day

can delay the results of local races.

Questions? Call 530-283-6256 or 1-844-676-VOTE

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and on Facebook for Election Night reports

