



Values Voter Guide 2014 General Election





Your Vote Counts!

Dr. Bill Bright, the great Christian Leader of the mid 20th Century, gave us the **Four Spiritual Laws**. Dr. Bright also gave us the **Five Duties of a Christian Citizen**. Your five duties are...

- Pray
- Register to Vote
- Become informed
- Get involved
- VOTE!!

This non-partisan Voter Guide was prepared to help Christian voters look at the June ballot through the prism of God's values and truth. Questionnaires on issues of importance to Values Voters were sent to each candidate for Mayor, City Council, and School Board in Santa Clara County appearing on the June ballot. A response deadline of **April 11, 2014** was requested of each candidate.

Those candidates that chose not to respond had sufficient time and opportunity to participate. If you choose to vote for a candidate that did not complete and return the questionnaire, you may wish to contact that candidate to determine why he/she choose not to complete and return the questionnaire.

This June 2014 Values Voter Guide is an educational effort of VAC Action, the legislative arm of the Values Advocacy Council. Please take time to review this June 2014 Values Voter Guide and cast an informed ballot in this upcoming election.

Please tell your family and friends about the Values Voter Guide. Feel free to forward or pass this to interested individuals.

If you wish to have your personalized Values Voter Guide in this and future elections, please go to our website, www.vacaction.org, go to "Sign up to receive your e-Values Voter Guide" and click on sign up.

City Council - Gilroy

Candidate Questionnaire Primary Election – June 2014

- I believe abortion should not continue to be legal in the United States. I believe that the procedure known as a “partial birth abortion” should be illegal.
- I believe the doctrine of “separation of church and state” means that the government shall not establish a national religion (Establishment Clause, First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution) but does not mean that religion should be totally removed from any and all governmental activity.
- I believe that the city should install internet pornography filters on the computers that children use in the city library(s).
- The display of religious articles or symbols has a place on public property.
- The “faith based” community can positively shape lives and should be encouraged through land use decisions and public signage.
- The “faith based” community should have a “place at the table” in public policy matters, discussions, and debates.
- “Faith based social service” organizations should be eligible to receive government funding and/or support.
- I believe that the City has enough revenue to fund necessary services without having to resort to an increase in the sales tax. I believe that the City has enough revenue to fund necessary services without having to resort to an increase in the sales tax except for police services.
- I believe that the City should take property utilizing “eminent domain” only when it is to be put to use for the public and not for private development. At no time is the taking of Church property for private development appropriate utilizing “eminent domain”.

	Mayor Madison Nguyen	Dave Cortese	Rose Herrera	Sam Liccardo	Pierluigi Oliverio	City Council District 1 Tim Gildersleeve	Charles “Chappie” Jones	City Council District 9 Lois Wilco-Owens
1. I believe abortion should not continue to be legal in the United States. I believe that the procedure known as a “partial birth abortion” should be illegal.	No	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	No	No	<p>The following Candidates did not answer survey</p> <p>District 1: Paul Fong Bob Levy Susan Marsland Richard McCoy Art Zimmermann</p> <p>District 3: Don Gagliardi John Hosmon George Kleidon Mauricio Mejia Raul Peralez Kathy Yamada Sutherland</p> <p>District 5: Xavier Campos Magdalena Carrasco Aaron Resendez</p> <p>District 7: Maya Esparza Van Le Tam Nguyen Buu Thai</p> <p>District 9: Donald Rocha</p>
2. I believe the doctrine of “separation of church and state” means that the government shall not establish a national religion (Establishment Clause, First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution) but does not mean that religion should be totally removed from any and all governmental activity.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
3. I believe that the city should install internet pornography filters on the computers that children use in the city library(s).	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
4. The display of religious articles or symbols has a place on public property.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
5. The “faith based” community can positively shape lives and should be encouraged through land use decisions and public signage.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
7. The “faith based” community should have a “place at the table” in public policy matters, discussions, and debates.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
8. “Faith based social service” organizations should be eligible to receive government funding and/or support.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	
9. I believe that the City has enough revenue to fund necessary services without having to resort to an increase in the sales tax. I believe that the City has enough revenue to fund necessary services without having to resort to an increase in the sales tax except for police services.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	No	Yes	
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10. I believe that the City should take property utilizing “eminent domain” only when it is to be put to use for the public and not for private development. At no time is the taking of Church property for private development appropriate utilizing “eminent domain”.	Yes	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Candidate did not answer survey	Yes	Yes	

Measures

VAC Action Positions for the - June 3rd, 2014 - General Election

Measure B - No
Measure H - Yes
Measure I - Yes
Measure J - Yes
Measure K - Yes
Measure AA - No

City of San Jose Measure B - NO

To continue existing, voter-approved funding for all San Jose's libraries and services, including: open hours; librarians; updated books/research materials; access to computers/technology; children's reading programs, story times, teen/senior programs; and adult literacy/job readiness, shall the City of San Jose continue its library parcel tax for another 25 years, subject to independent annual audits and citizens oversight, with no change in the existing voter-approved tax rate formula?

Evergreen School District Parcel Tax Renewal, Measure H - YES

To provide competitive and safe learning environments and enhance student achievement by

- Improving hands-on science, technology and math instruction;
- Keeping class size low;
- Improving teacher quality and training;
- Protecting arts/music programs and libraries;
- Ensuring adequate student supervision and safety;

Shall the Evergreen Elementary School District renew a parcel tax at \$100 per parcel for 5 years with citizen oversight, annual reports, a senior exemption, and no money for District administrators' salaries or the State?

Cambrian School District Measure I - YES

To reduce classroom overcrowding by providing additional classrooms, support high quality education, enhance school safety and security, update fire and earthquake safety systems, provide access to 21st century learning technology, maximize energy efficiency, repair or replace leaky windows, replace outdated heating/cooling equipment, and build/equip classrooms, facilities, and sites, shall Cambrian School District issue \$39 million in bonds at legal rates with citizen oversight, annual audits, no funds for administrators' salaries and all funds staying local?

Union School District Measure J - YES

To improve neighborhood schools by removing mold and asbestos; fixing leaky, deteriorated roofs; replacing inefficient/aging heating, ventilation, and electrical systems to save money; improving fire safety/ security; updating computer technology/ science labs for 21st century learning; repairing aging restrooms; and acquiring, constructing, and repairing sites/ facilities, shall Alum Rock Union Elementary School District issue \$125 million in bonds at legal rates with required independent financial audits, citizens' oversight and no money for administrators' salaries?

Mt. Pleasant School District Measure K-YES

Without increasing current tax rates, to continue improving local elementary schools by protecting reading, writing, math/science programs, maintaining libraries, music/art, retaining qualified teachers, preserving tutoring programs for students with special needs, providing updated educational materials and access to 21st Century technology and computer training, and, shall Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District renew its expiring \$95 parcel tax for seven years, exempt senior citizens, no funds for administrators' salaries, independent citizen oversight and all funds benefiting local schools?

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Measure AA - NO

To improve access to hiking and biking opportunities, protect and preserve redwood forests, natural open spaces, the scenic beauty of our region and coastline, critical wildlife habitat, restore creeks to protect water quality, and reduce forest fire risk; shall Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District be authorized to issue up to \$300 million in bonds, at a tax rate not to exceed \$3.18 per \$100,000 of assessed value of property owned, with expenditures verified by an independent citizen oversight committee?