

## **Friends, Romans, Countrymen:**

Apologies for the late slate. I've been careening about the Grand Canyon. For pictures and some commentary, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/granick/sets/72157594155627482/>. Executive summary: you must get to the bottom of it.

Now, on to business.

This is a primary, so your ballot will differ a bit depending on the party with which you're affiliated and where you are located. I'm registered Democrat, and live in Noe Valley, so that will generally be the ballot to which I'll refer. Executive summary: Same people, different office (due to term limits).

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

<http://www.smartvoter.org/>

<http://www.sfgate.com/opinion/>

[http://www.sfbg.com/entry.php?entry\\_id=585](http://www.sfbg.com/entry.php?entry_id=585)

Please note, granick.com is down for some reason, so there's no additional information there. You'll have to rely on (and forward) this email.

## **STATE EXECUTIVE RACES:**

### **Governor: Phil Angelides**

Whoever wins this primary will run against Schwarzenegger. The battle is between Angelides, a party hack, and Steve Westly, an opportunist. I regretfully pick Angelides. He has more political experience, more likely a desire to serve, rather than a mere desire to have power, and the endorsement of the Democratic party, which means he's more likely to win in November, though I think anyone unseating Arnold is unlikely. Both candidates are pro-death penalty. Westly doesn't like to admit he'll raise taxes or do anything that annoys the wealthy. Angelides loves to admit he'll pay taxes. Westly doesn't seem to understand that the Governor of California can't commit the country to compliance with the Kyoto Protocols. Angelides' vision is small. Yick. The Chronicle endorsed Westly, and for those of you who don't like professional politicians, he may

be your choice.

**Lieutenant governor: Jackie Speier**

There are two reasonable candidates for this post, which is basically an on deck circle for gubernatorial hopefuls. A vote for either Garamendi or Speier is a solid vote. Garamendi is currently the insurance commissioner and has done a good job in the post, including working on health care issues. Speier is a State Senator. I slightly prefer her because she passed privacy legislation opposed by many of the big data aggregation firms, so I think she understands the issues I am working on a lot. Both the Chronicle and the Bay Guardian endorsed Speier.

**Secretary of state: Debra Bowen**

The other candidate, Deborah Ortiz, has a position page which talks about health care and education, two things that this position, which regulates state elections, has absolutely nothing to do with. Also, Ortiz's endorsements are really weak. The Chronicle says that Ortiz is an extremely effective legislator who is unfortunately being termed out. However, it endorses Bowen because her core interests, privacy for consumers, open access to government functions, and improved voting equipment are more relevant to this position.

**Controller: Chiang**

The Chronicle recommends John Chiang as someone with a laser focus on the controller issues (tax collection), over Dunn as someone who wants to make the office more than what it is. Westly, for example, as tried to use the office as a stepping stone to the Governorship, and Dunn appears to want to do the same. I like to vote for people who will be good in the job, though I do appreciate the idea of cultivating people for higher office. These are both reasonable candidates, but I'll vote for Chiang.

**Treasurer: Bill Lockyer**

He's the only one running. Plus, I like Lockyer. I agree with the Guardian

that he should be a lot more aggressive in protecting consumers, but if he grows in this position, he could be the next Governor.

**Attorney general: Jerry Brown**

Brown's done everything, and now he wants to move from Oakland mayor to AG. Ok by me. Delgadillo, his opponent, is a tough on crime City Attorney from LA with disingenuous ads impugning Brown's commitment to abortion rights on highly questionable grounds.

**Insurance commissioner: John Kraft**

Cruz Bustamante, the insider, will win over John Kraft (yes, that Kraft) who has a disorganized campaign, but I am sick to death of Cruz Bustamante. So I'm voting for Kraft.

**State Superintendent of Public Instruction: JACK O'CONNELL**

From the SFBG: "Jack O'Connell is a former teacher who championed education issues like smaller class sizes, more money for schools, and tougher accountability standards during his 20-year legislative career, before being elected schools chief in 2002. He is smart, liberal, and well regarded by his colleagues in both major parties." The Chron endorses him, too

**FEDERAL:**

**Senate: Dianne Feinstein**

She's running unopposed. She's too conservative for me, so you can vote for her, or not, but it makes no difference. She'll win the primary, and she'll win the race.

**United States Representative:**

**District 8 (Noe Valley area):** This is my district, and the candidate is Nancy Pelosi. I'm content with her, but there isn't another choice anyway.

**District 6 (Marin): Lynn Woolsey.** She's the incumbent. She spoke at our Kerry fundraiser. She's our friend's mother. She's cool.

**District 9 (Oakland): Barbara Lee.** The only person with enough balls to vote against authorizing the President to use "all necessary and appropriate force" against anyone associated with the terrorist attacks of September 11. This authorization has been the Administration's excuse for the warrantless surveillance of Americans, for invading Iraq, etc. Lee deserves our votes.

**District 12 (San Mateo): Tom Lantos.** Running unopposed. Supported the USA PATRIOT Act. I voted for his opponent, who made little traction, in the last primary. Lantos most recently was arrested protesting our official policy of indifference regarding Darfur. He's unopposed in the primary, but I like seeing him put it on the line like that, and would vote for him if I were in San Mateo.

**STATE:**

**State Senator, District 10 (East Bay): Johan Klehs**

My friend Christine runs Klehs' campaign, and has convinced me that if any of you are in his district, you should vote for him. He's experienced and effective with taxation, finance and public education. For more: [http://www.klehsofensenate.com/CMS/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=category&sectionid=6&id=72&Itemid=61](http://www.klehsofensenate.com/CMS/index.php?option=com_content&task=category&sectionid=6&id=72&Itemid=61)

**State Assembly, District 13: Mark Leno**

I love voting for Mark Leno. I met him back during the No on Knight campaign, our effort to defeat the anti-gay marriage amendment. Leno has been both conscientious, on-message and relatively effective since then.

**State Board of Equalization: No opinion**

Betty Yee is the only candidate

**Democratic Party Central Committee**

12 are elected from a long list. I'm not sure whether this Committee matters one bit.

**Superior Court Judge: Eric Safire**

Lillian Sing was a judge. I practiced before her. She was not particularly bad or good. She then gave it up to run against Jake McGoldrick, whom I like, for SF Supervisor. She lost, so now she's back. Safire is a defense attorney. They tend to make bad judges, but I'm willing to see.

## STATE PROPOSITIONS

**Proposition 81:** Yes (modernizing libraries)

**California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Reno**  
Shall the state sell \$600 million in bonds to provide grants to local agencies for the construction of public library facilities?

Both SFBG and Chron say yes.

**Proposition 82 :** NO (Preschool Education)

This is a bad idea, done a bad way, for a bad reason. If we're going to fix education, let's fix the preschool system we can't afford. This is Rob Reiner's foray into state politics, and he is serious.

**Tax on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples**

Should the California Constitution and state law be amended to create and support a new tax on incomes over \$400,000 for individuals and \$800,000 for couples to fund preschool for children to attend in the year prior to kindergarten, to be funded by an increase in personal income tax?

## LOCAL MEASURES

**Proposition A :** NO

This would set aside \$10 million per year for three years for violence prevention and set up a committee to study such as job training, drug treatment and family services, all aimed at curbing homicides. convening a citizens' committee and few worse ways to govern than earmarking money for job training, drug treatment and family services, but this isn't a good way to do that.

**Additional Funding for Homicide Prevention Services -- City and County of San Francisco (50%+1)**

Shall the City allocate an additional \$10 million primarily from the City's General Fund for violence prevention and intervention services, establish a Homicide Prevention Planning Council, create a Homicide Prevention Plan, and create a Survivors' Advocate and a Survivors' Fund in the Office of the District Attorney?

**Proposition B: NO**

The measure requires a property owner to disclose if an elderly or disabled tenant was k proposition, but it does nothing to stop people from evicting elderly or disabled tenants.

**Eviction Disclosure Ordinance -- City and County of San Francisco** (*Ordinance - Majority A*  
Shall the City change its laws to require landlords who offer to sell buildings of two or mc specific legal grounds for any evictions that result in vacant units at the time of sale and

**Proposition C: NO**

This would require the mayor to attend all Transbay transportation meetings, not a stand balance of power on this panel to appointees of the Board of Supervisors. This is anothe send a proxy if he wants, for god's sake!

**Appointing Elected Officials to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority -- City and County of**  
*50% + 1)*

Shall the City change the appointment process for the City's three representatives to the designating the Mayor and two members of the Board of Supervisors to represent the Ci

**Proposition D: NO**

This would bar violent patients from the Laguna Honda convalescent hospital. Setting tre there's a real expense and harm to families that would come from this rule. From the Cit estimates that approximately 300 of the 1,021 current patients at Laguna Honda would b dementia due to a variety of causes such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, a In effect, the ordinance would mean that these and other public health patients could not needing skilled nursing care would typically be treated either at a facility outside of San F general fund cost of these alternatives ranges from \$213 to \$643 per day per person."

**Zoning Changes to Limit Services at Laguna Honda Hospital and Other Residential Health**  
*(Ordinance - Majority Approval Required -- 50% + 1)*

Shall the City amend the Planning Code to create the "Laguna Honda Hospital Special U Hospital, limit the patients who can receive services at Laguna Honda Hospital and certa publicly and privately-owned residential health care facilities in "public" districts througho

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