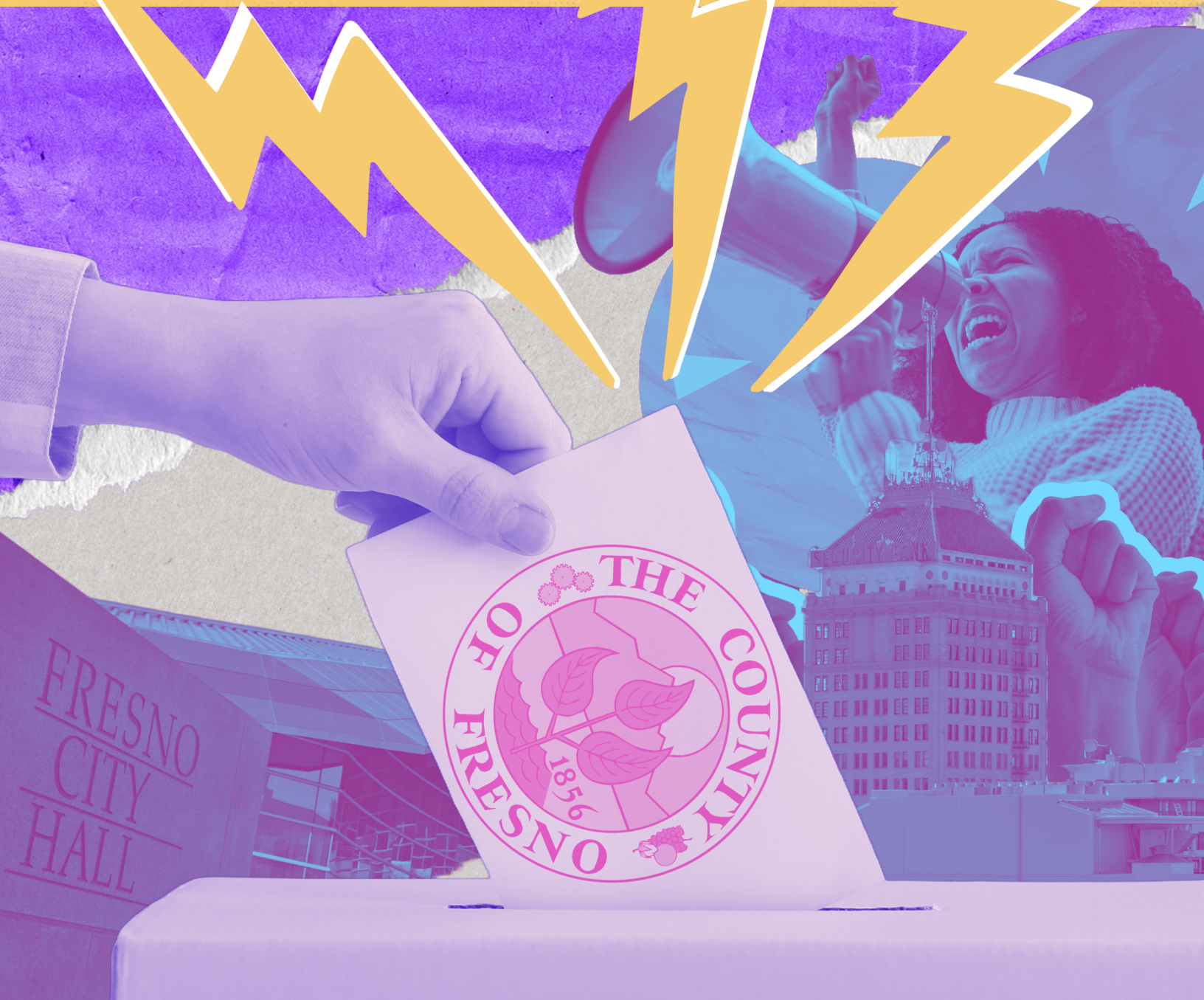


# uSPARK

## **CALIFORNIA'S MARCH 5 PRIMARY ELECTION: FRESNO COUNTY!**

The 2024 Primary Election is finally here! And we're excited to announce that the uSpark Voter Guide is back and better than ever! Don't know who to vote for in Fresno County's local races? We've got you covered! Our guide breaks down each local race. Plus, we've listed their endorsements from local political and grassroots organizations, giving you a well-rounded view of their support. We've also gathered the links to their websites for you to learn more about them and their platform. Check out our guide now and vote local!



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27, 2024

Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot

February 20, 2024 to March 5, 2024

Conditional Voter Registration period

February 24, 2024

Eleven-day Vote Centers open

February 27, 2024

Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot

March 2, 2024

4-day Vote Centers open

**March 5, 2024**

**Election Day (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**

Click [here](#) to see Vote Centers locations and dates of operation. It's recommended to vote early.

## DROP BOXES

Here is a map of OFFICIAL Fresno County ballot drop boxes! Click [here](#).

Need more information? Check out the Fresno County Clerk's office [website](#).

## Fresno Mayor

The Mayor of Fresno is the city's chief executive, the mayor is responsible for more than just cutting ribbons. They are behind the city's budget, signing laws into effect and appointing departmental directors. The mayor also proposes legislation and appoints committee heads. They do not have the authority to vote but possess veto powers. Don't underestimate their influence, as the mayor represents the city on all levels - from local to state, national and even international.



**Mayoral Candidate**

James Barr

[Website](#)



**Mayoral Candidate**

Samantha Dussel

[Website](#)



**Mayoral Candidate-Incumbent**

Jerry Dyer

[Website](#)



### DID YOU KNOW?

"Of the 482 incorporated cities in California, only five (San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland and San Francisco) have a mayoral role that has greater governmental powers".

Source: CalMatters



# Fresno City Council District Race

The Fresno City Council is the driving force behind the development and growth of our city. As the primary legislative body, they hold the power to shape our community through their decisions on budget, taxes, and laws. Will the Fresno Police department get more funding? Will there be protective measures for tenants (ex. rent control)? The Fresno City Council gets to decide. There are seven dedicated members elected by each district.



## Fresno City Council District 2 - Incumbent

Mike Karbassi

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

*Fresno County District Attorney, Lisa Smittcamp*

*Former Fresno County Sheriff, Margaret Mims*

*Mayor of Fresno, Jerry Dyer*

*Fresno County Democrats*



## Fresno City Council District 2 - Candidate

Matthew Gillian

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

*Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte*

*Free Fresno*

*Fresno for Palestine*

*California Environmental Voters*



## Fresno City Council District 4 - Incumbent

Tyler Maxwell

[website](#)



## Fresno City Council District 4 - Candidate

NO ONE



## Fresno City Council District 6

Molly Fagundes-Johnston

[website](#)



## Fresno City Council District 6

Nick Richardson

[website](#)



## Fresno City Council District 6

Roger Bonakdar

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

*Fresno Police*

*Officers Association*



## Fresno City Council District 6

Raj Sodhi-Layne

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

*Fresno County*

*Supervisor*

*Buddy Mendes*

# Fresno County Board of Supervisors Race

Fresno County government is defined and authorized under the California Constitution, and the Charter of the County of Fresno, and provides countywide services, including elections, voter registration, law enforcement, jails, tax collection, public health and social services. In addition the County serves as the local government for all unincorporated areas. There are a total of five Board of Supervisors (BOS) elected to represent the residents of Fresno County. They oversee most of Fresno County's departments and programs, approve budgets, make decisions on elections, and can hold the sheriff accountable, and can approve county ordinances, etc.



**BOS District 2 - Incumbent**  
Steve Brandau  
No campaign website listed.  
*Endorsed by:*  
*Fresno Chamber PAC*



**BOS District 2 - Candidate**  
Bryce Herrera  
[website](#)  
*Endorsed by:*  
*Free Fresno*  
*Fresno County Democratic Party*  
*Central Valley Progressive PAC*



**BOS District 2 - Candidate**  
Garry Bredefeld  
[website](#)  
*Endorsed by:*  
*California Rifle and Pistol Club*



**BOS District 2 - Candidate**  
Dion Bourdase  
[website](#)



**BOS District 2 - Candidate**  
Paul Dictos  
[website](#)  
*Endorsed by:*  
*Fresno for Palestine*

Watch the Fresno County Board of Supervisors District 2 Candidate Forum. [Watch here.](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
"The incumbent is the current holder of an office or position. In an election, the incumbent is the person holding or acting in the position that is up for election, regardless of whether they are seeking re-election."





**BOS District 3 - Incumbent**

Sal Quintero

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

- Fresno County District Attorney*
- Fresno County Deputy Sheriffs' Association*
- Fresno County Prosecutors Association*
- Fresno Chamber of Commerce*



**BOS District 3 - Candidate**

EJ Hinojosa

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

- Free Fresno*
- California Working Families Party*



**BOS District 3 - Candidate**

Miguel Arias

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

- Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte*
- Fresno for Palestine*



**BOS District 3 - Candidate**

Luis Chavez

[website](#)



**BOS District 5 - Incumbent**

Nathan Magsig

[website](#)



**BOS District 5 - Candidate**

Jennifer Cruz

[website](#)

*Endorsed by:*

- Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte*
- Free Fresno*
- Fresno for Palestine*
- Fresno County Democratic Party*

*Note about endorsements: Some of the candidates featured are missing endorsements because we couldn't find any at the time of creating this voter guide.*

# Fresno County's Ballot Measures

**MEASURE A** - Fresno County, California, Measure A, Sheriff and District Attorney Election Timing Charter Amendment. A “yes” vote supports amending the county charter to require elections for sheriff and district attorney to continue to occur during gubernatorial, non-presidential election years. A “no” vote opposes amending the county charter, thus requiring elections for sheriff and district attorney to be held during presidential election years.

**MEASURE B** - Fresno County, California, Measure B, County Board of Supervisors Duty to Name Geographic Features and Places Charter Amendment. A “yes” vote supports authorizing the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to name or change the names of geographic features or places. A “no” vote opposes authorizing the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to name or change the names of geographic features or places.

**MEASURE E** - Fresno County, California, Measure E, California State University Fresno Programs and Facilities Sales Tax Initiative. A “yes” vote supports levying a 0.25% countywide sales tax (1/4 cent) with revenue funding programs and improvements to the California State University Fresno campus, generating \$63 million annually for 25 years. A “no” vote opposes levying a 0.25% countywide sales tax (1/4 cent) with revenue funding programs and improvements to the California State University Fresno campus, generating \$63 million annually for 25 years.

Source: Ballotpedia

**The following are political and grassroots organizations that are endorsing candidates and measures for the March 5 primary. uSpark highlighted groups that reflect the issues that our followers care about the most.**

## FREE FRESNO

Free Fresno is a transparency project exposing the political and economic forces and industries perpetuating harm through resource extraction and exploitation in Fresno County. Prison Industrial Complex, Oil, Developers, and big ag and the politicians paid by them harming our people, air, water + land.

Barbara Lee  
U.S. Senate

Yes on Prop 1  
Measure B - No  
Measure E - No  
Measure A - No

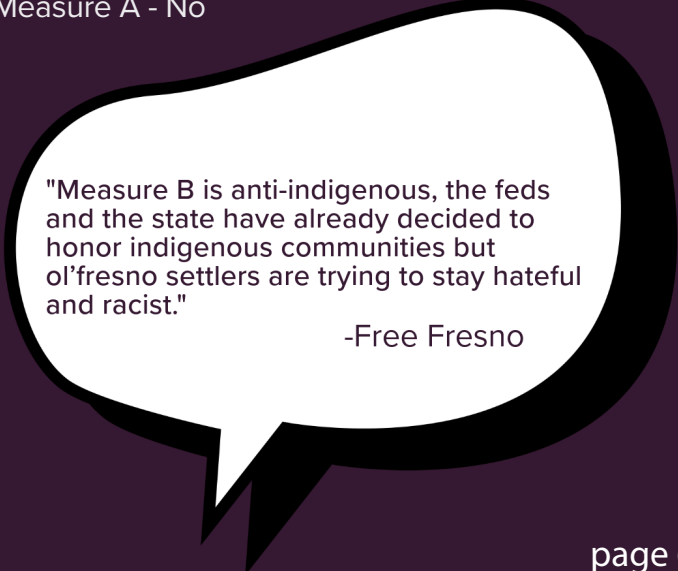
Bryce Herrera  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 2

EJ Hinojosa  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 3

Jennifer Cruz  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 5

Jim Barr  
Fresno Mayor

Matthew Gillian  
Fresno City Council, District 2



"Measure B is anti-indigenous, the feds and the state have already decided to honor indigenous communities but ol'fresno settlers are trying to stay hateful and racist."

-Free Fresno



## Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte

Dedicated to investing in communities by providing health care and education, and by expanding rights & access for all.

Esmeralda Soria  
Assembly District 27

Joaquin Arambula  
Assembly District 31

Miguel Arias  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 3

Jennifer Cruz  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 5

Matthew Gillian  
Fresno City Council, District 2

Tyler Maxwell  
Fresno City Council, District 4

Nasreen Johnson  
State Community College District Trustee Area 2

Danielle Parra  
State Community College District Trustee Area 3

James Martinez  
Fresno County Board of Education Trustee Area 3

Elizabeth Rosa-Johanson  
Fresno Unified School District Area 2

Andy Levine  
Fresno Unified School District Area 5

## Fresno for Palestine

We are Fresno for Palestine; an independent group of passionate Palestinian-Americans here to inform you of upcoming Pro-Palestine events.

Matthew Gillian  
Fresno City Council, District 2

Nick Richardson  
Fresno City Council, District 6

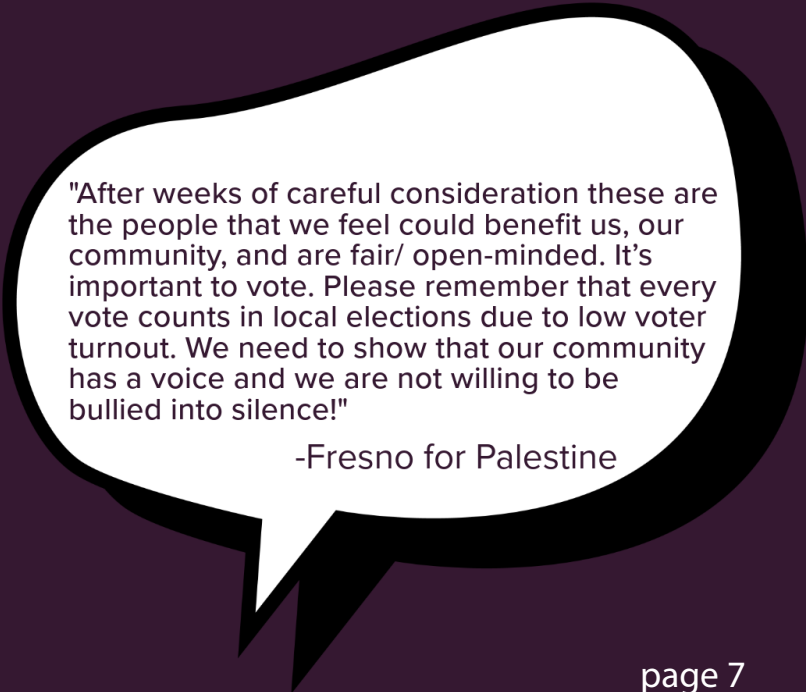
Paul Dictos  
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Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 5  
Jen Cruz

Fresno County Board of Supervisors, District 3  
Miguel Arias

Barbara Lee  
U.S. Senate

Measure B - No  
Measure E - No  
Measure A - No

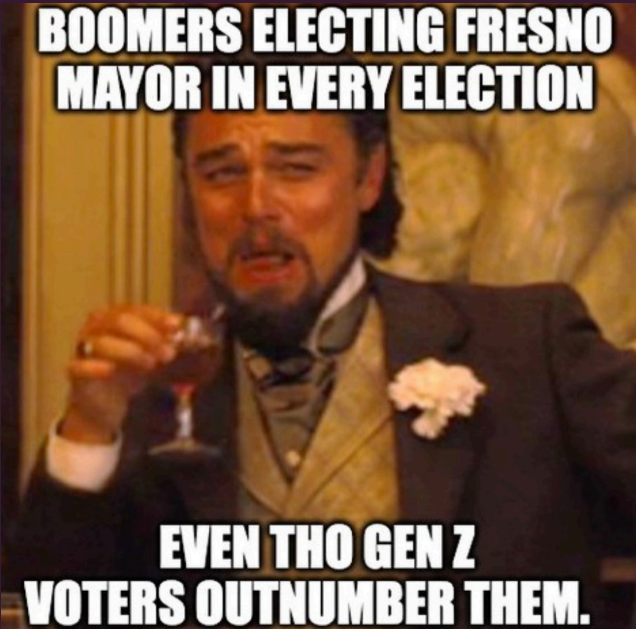


"After weeks of careful consideration these are the people that we feel could benefit us, our community, and are fair/ open-minded. It's important to vote. Please remember that every vote counts in local elections due to low voter turnout. We need to show that our community has a voice and we are not willing to be bullied into silence!"

-Fresno for Palestine

# LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER

On March 5, 2024 voters will be able to determine which candidates compete in the general election on November 5, 2024. If no one candidate gets a majority vote, then the top two candidates who received most of the votes will be in the runoff in November. Majority vote is more than 50% of the total votes.



Did you know that our current Mayor Dyer is facing not one, but TWO challengers in the upcoming election? James Barr and Samantha Dussell are determined to unseat our “Mayor Cop.” Only 38% of registered voters voted in the last Fresno mayoral election.

It’s not just about the big names on the ballot, it’s about the small but important positions that have a direct impact on our daily lives. Don’t underestimate the power of “down-ballot voting” and make sure your voice is heard in every aspect of your community. From mayors to board of supervisors, every seat counts and every vote matters. When we vote local, we create change on a local level.

## Sources



- Fresno Bee
- CalMatters
- City of Fresno
- Fresnoland
- Community Media Access Collaborative
- Ballotpedia
- Fresno County

## Support our work

Sign up to support our civic media project in Fresno County. Visit our website and click on the “Become a Member” button on the bottom right. Members are our monthly/yearly financial supporters. Link below:

[uspark website](#)

