

NATIONAL UNION OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

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JOHN CHIANG

JohnChiang.com

TOP OFFICES HELD

State Treasurer, State Controller

TOP ENDORSERS INCLUDE

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Congressman Lou Correa

UNION BACKGROUND

Former member of the National Treasury Employees Union

TOP PRIORITIES

Universal healthcare, affordable housing construction, tuition-free community college

LABOR

- Will intercede to push for adoption of Code of Conduct when workers' freedom to choose a union is violated.
- Will stand with NUHW to restore industry standard wages, benefits and working conditions, and win contract campaigns.
- Spearheaded CalPERS decision to encourage contractors to remain neutral when employees considering unionizing.

HEALTH

- Supports Single Payer system, but must find way to make it affordable.
- Must first protect and strengthen Affordable Care Act and expand coverage.
- Supports NUHW efforts to close loophole in timely access law and ensure equal access to mental health care.

IMMIGRATION

- Opposes the Trump administration's immigration and deportation policies.
- Would "explore all legal routes" to block any withholding of federal resources to sanctuary cities.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- Drafting 2018 affordable housing ballot measure.
- State needs to build 1.5 million affordable homes.
- Would "review" the repeal of state law that restricts rent control.



DELAINE EASTIN

DelaineForGovernor.com

TOP OFFICES HELD

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Assemblymember

TOP ENDORSERS INCLUDE

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, former State Senator Dede Alpert

UNION BACKGROUND

Former member of the California Federation of Teachers

TOP PRIORITIES

Universal preschool, tuition-free college, universal healthcare

LABOR

- Stands with labor "unequivocally."
- Supports Code of Conduct to ensure fast and fair elections.
- Wants unions to become part of corporate boards (German model).
- Will stand with NUHW to restore industry standard wages, benefits and working conditions, and win contract campaigns.

HEALTH

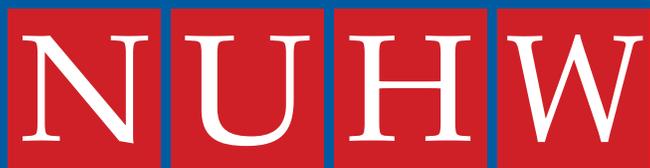
- Supports Single Payer legislation SB 562, but is concerned Trump would deny waivers needed to put system in place.
- Wants taskforce to create universal healthcare system in California.
- Supports NUHW efforts to close loophole in timely access law and ensure equal access to mental health care.

IMMIGRATION

- Opposes the Trump administration's immigration and deportation policies.
- Refused to implement anti-immigrant Proposition 187 as schools superintendent.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS:

- Supports amending Proposition 13 to stop applying to commercial property.
- Supports repealing or amending state law that restricts rent control.
- Supports new state incentives to build affordable housing.



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GAVIN NEWSOM GavinNewsom.com

TOP OFFICES HELD

Lieutenant Governor, Mayor of San Francisco

TOP ENDORSERS INCLUDE

Former Democratic Party Chair John Burton, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee

UNION BACKGROUND

None

TOP PRIORITIES

Expanding health care access, defending "California's Values" against Trump administration, building affordable housing

LABOR

- Supported agreement to allow union representatives at new employee orientations.
- Will "always stand for workers' rights and combat employers' intimidation and harassment tactics."
- Will stand with NUHW members to restore industry standard wages, benefits and working conditions, and assist in NUHW campaigns.

HEALTH

- Supports Single Payer healthcare system
- Wants program modeled on San Francisco initiative that provided health care to 80 percent of uninsured residents.
- Supports closing loophole in state's timely access law and ensuring that all residents have equal access to mental health care.

IMMIGRATION

- Opposes the Trump administration's immigration and deportation policies
- Calls on state universities to affirm sanctuary status.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- Supports legislation to build affordable housing and encourage local government to streamline approval process.
- Creates "Housing Hot Spot" teams to tackle red tape and build five million new homes.
- Did not reply to question about repealing state law restricting rent control.



ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA

AntonioForCalifornia.com

TOP OFFICES HELD

Mayor of Los Angeles, California Assembly Speaker

TOP ENDORSERS INCLUDE

Former Assembly Speakers John A. Perez and Fabian Nunez.

UNION BACKGROUND

Former organizer, United Teachers of Los Angeles and American Federation of Government Employees

TOP PRIORITIES

Creating more high-wage jobs, improving schools, rebuilding infrastructure

LABOR

- Supports Code of Conduct for fast and fair organizing efforts.
- Will stand with NUHW to restore industry standard wages, benefits and working conditions, and win contract campaigns.

HEALTH

- Supports Single Payer in concept, but thinks SB 562 is too expensive.
- Top goal is to protect the Affordable Care Act and continue adding people to insurance roles.
- Supports a "Public Option" for residents to purchase insurance through the state.
- Supports legislation to close loophole in timely access law and ensure equal access to mental health care.

IMMIGRATION

- Opposes the Trump administration's immigration and deportation policies.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS:

- Goal of building five million new homes over the next 25 years.
- Supports \$3 billion low-income housing bond.
- Supports reducing red tape on developers.
- Did not reply to question about repealing state law restricting rent control.