

## BALLOT INITIATIVES

### **Proposition 1:** *Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure*

This is a bond measure to expand housing and mental health services. Bonds a deferred taxes on citizens, and we oppose them on the same grounds that we oppose other taxes. This particular proposition will further centralize and bloat government, while doing little (or possibly exacerbating) the problems that it purports to address.

**Recommendation: NO**

### **Measure A:** *County of Fresno Charter Amendment - Section 12*

Cautious yes- maintaining local control of geographical location naming is better than state/federal control, although leaving naming in the hands of even smaller levels of government would be even better.

**Recommendation: YES**

### **Measure B:** *County of Fresno Charter Amendment - Section 15*

Maintaining local control of election dates is a benefit, as local officials are likely to be more easily influenced by local wishes.

**Recommendation: YES**

### **Measure E:** *Fresno County – California State University, Fresno – Transactions and Use Tax*

25-year, unprecedented funding of a state university with local sales tax. This was already rejected by the voters in 2022!

**Recommendation: NO**

### **Measure G:** *Fresno County – Fowler Unified School District Bond Measure*

Bonds are deferred taxes. Fiscal responsibility dictates that “essential” school maintenance should be included in existing budgets, not added to taxpayer burden.

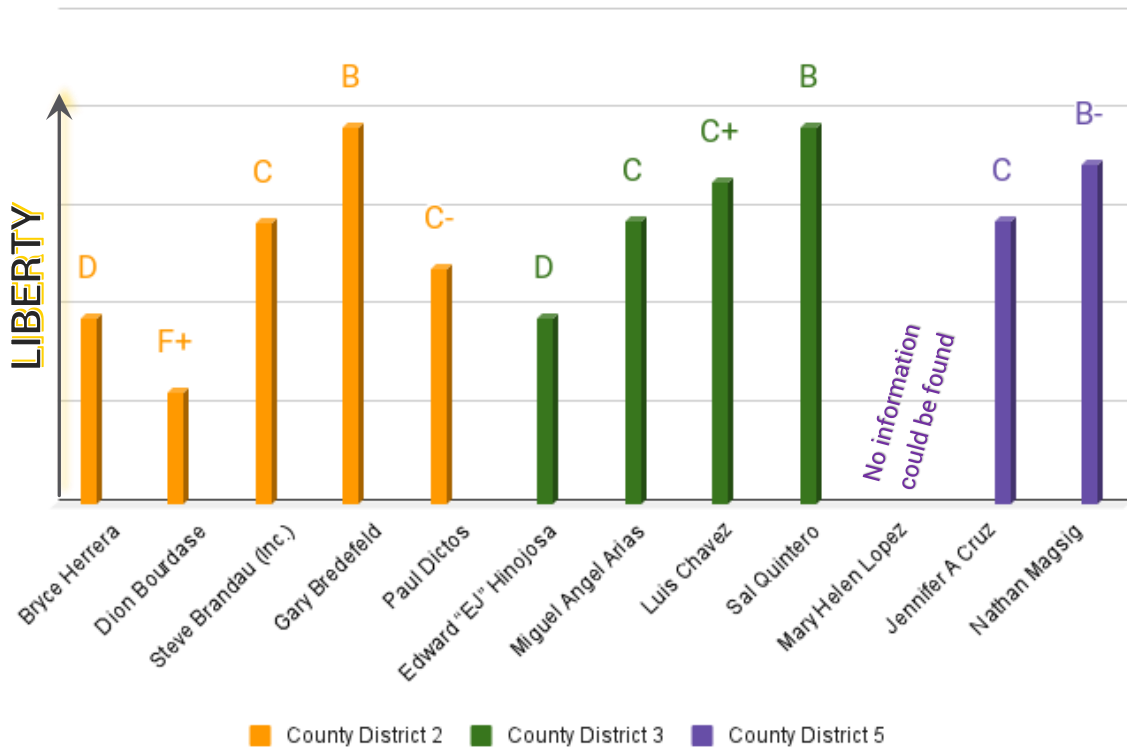
**Recommendation: NO**

### **Measure O:** *City of Orange Cove - Police and Fire Special Tax Measure*

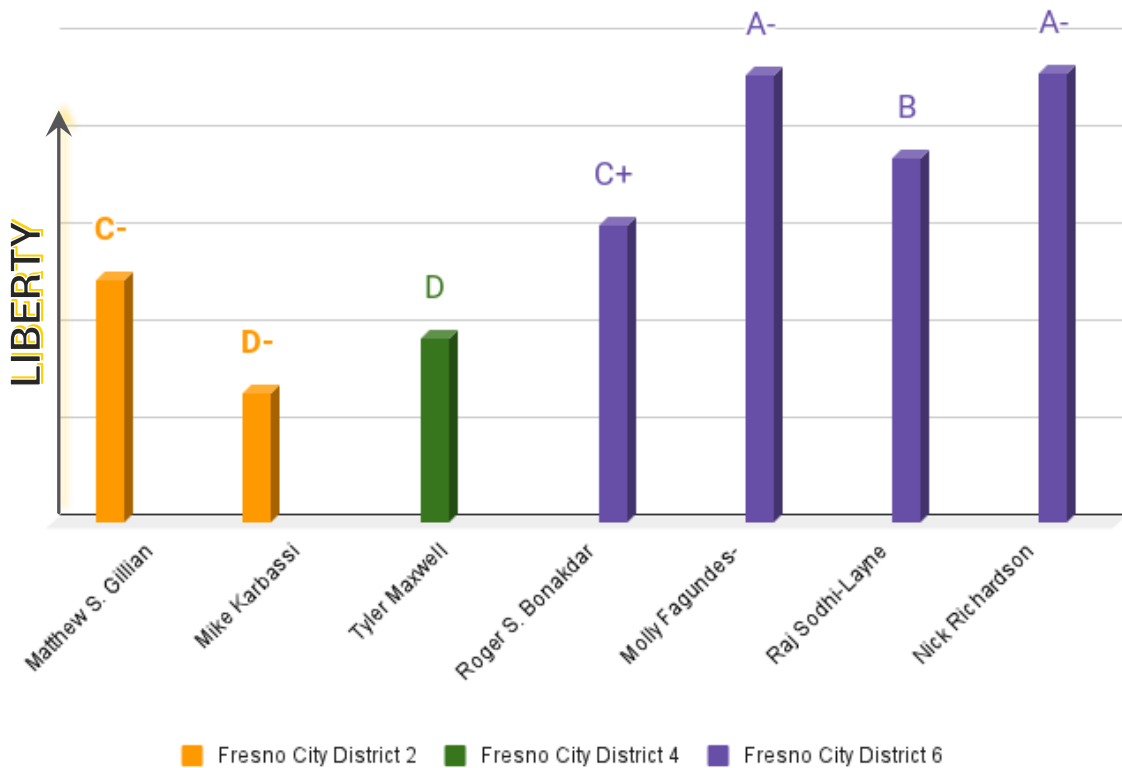
This measure would remove an expiration date from this special tax, making it harder for locals to remove it in the future. This was already rejected by voters in November, 2023!

**Recommendation: NO**

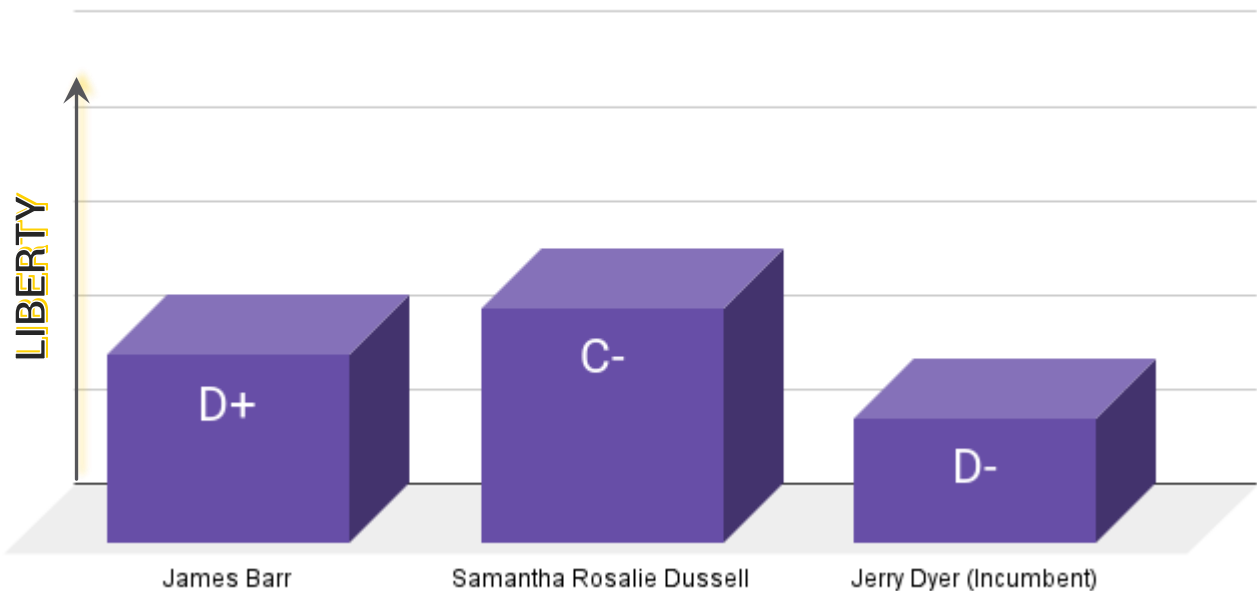
### LP Grades the Candidates: Fresno County Supervisor



### LP Grades the Candidates: Fresno City Council



## LP Grades the Candidates: Fresno City Mayor



Incumbent Jerry Dyer is a life-long drug warrior who supports taxes such as Measure E and exhibited no interest in protecting basic individual rights during the COVID regime.

Both of the challengers' best qualities are that they are not politicians. Dussell has a slight edge for appearing to be more sincere in her sense of civic duty.

LPFC recommendation is either:

- **under-voting** (leaving the Mayor race blank while voting on items like local measure), OR
- casting a **protest vote** for Dussell.

## State/National Races

The Libertarian Party of Fresno County has not evaluated candidates for the numerous other races at the local, state, and national level. For local races, this is a matter of limited resources, so we chose races with the highest interest. State and National races are non-partisan.

The Libertarian Party will choose the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominee at the nominative convention in Washington, DC, during Memorial Day Weekend. California delegates are not bound by the primary results, so it is a "straw poll" and LPFC wishes to remain impartial. LPFC will support the party's chosen nominee at that time.

For state level races, we will grade candidates for the general election. There is only one registered Libertarian appearing on the ballot for Fresno County, and LPFC endorses her:

*Endorsed:* **Gail Lightfoot, U.S. Senate**