

# Sample Ballot & Voter

## Information Pamphlet



Presidential General Election

**TUESDAY**

**November 3, 2020**

County of Lassen

**VOTE SAFE CALIFORNIA**

**VOTE BY MAIL  
ELECTION**

*Use this guide to help you fill out your  
Vote by Mail Ballot - mail it early using the  
pre-paid postage return envelope.*

**Your ballot can be voted in person at the Lassen County Clerk's office during regular business hours, and up to 8 PM on Election Night. Or use the drop-box located behind the Historic Courthouse at 220 S Lassen St. Susanville.**



# VOTE SAFE at Early Voting Locations

One or more early voting locations will be available in many counties for **at least four days** beginning the Saturday before the **November 3, 2020** election. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, and accessible voting machines.

You can help keep voting locations safe for voters and election workers in these three ways:

- 1 Skip the line.**  
You can return completed ballots **by mail** with no stamp needed, at a secure **ballot drop box**, or at a **voting location**. Voting locations will have separate lines for voters dropping off completed ballots.
- 2 Vote early.**  
If you visit a voting location in person, **go before Election Day** to help with physical distancing. One or more voting locations will be open for **at least four days** beginning the Saturday before Election Day.
- 3 Follow safety procedures.**  
Protect your health and the health of other voters and election workers at voting locations by taking the following precautions:

## VOTING LOCATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Wear a face covering** while at the voting location.
- Keep 2 arms' length distance** from other people.
- Wash hands** before and after entering the voting location.
- Use hand sanitizer** after touching doors or voting equipment.
- Bring a ballpoint pen** to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.



### ***Want more information about how to stay safe while voting?***

Review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines at:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html)

**Voters who can vote-by-mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations.** County elections offices will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots to California voters beginning **October 5, 2020**. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by **November 3, 2020**; ballots returned at a secure ballot drop box must be deposited by **8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020**.

## **LASSEN COUNTY VOTE SERVICE CENTERS AND BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:**

- **County Clerk / Election Office - Located behind the Historic Courthouse at 220 South Lassen Street Annex, Susanville, CA 96130. 530-251-8217**  
**Drive-up Drop-Box available 24 hours, up to Election Night at 8 PM. Located in the driveway behind Historic Courthouse.**
- **Janesville Fire Hall – 463-390 Main Street, Janesville, CA 96114.**  
**Drive-up Drop-Box will be available 24 hours, up to Election Night at 8 PM.**

# Using Lassen County's Voting System

**TO VOTE:**  
 Blacken the oval (●) that appears next to your choice

**PRESIDENT**  
 Vote for **ONE**

- THOMAS A. EDISON
- ALBERT EINSTEIN
- HELEN KELLER
- FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
- BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
- \_\_\_\_\_

**TO VOTE:**

- Use a black or dark pen to mark your ballot.
- Blacken the oval (●) completely.
- Remember to check both sides of the ballot.
- Do not vote for more than the number of candidates to be elected for each office.
- If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, cross out the incorrect mark and write "Ok" next to your correct choice. **DO NOT** sign or initial your ballot. You may also return the ballot to the election office for replacement at the Historic Courthouse Annex, 220 S Lassen Street, Susanville, CA 96130.

**TO CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE:**

- Locate the office for which you desire to cast a write-in vote.
- Write the name and position in the space provided.
- Blacken the oval (●) next to your choice.

*Before*  
**PRESIDENT**  
 Vote for One

- GEORGE WASHINGTON
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN
- \_\_\_\_\_

*After*  
**PRESIDENT**  
 Vote for One

- GEORGE WASHINGTON
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN
- Thomas Jefferson

**TO RECORD YOUR VOTE:**

- Once you have finished voting, insert your ballot in the return envelope and return it to the election office.
- If you are voting by mail, you should remove your ballot stub before mailing your ballot back to the election department. **DO NOT** cut or deface the ballot in any way. Your envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, or returned to any polling location in Lassen County on Election Day.

**POLITICAL PARTY KEY:**

DEM = Democratic  
 GRN = Green  
 LIB = Libertarian

REP= Republican  
 AI = American Independent  
 PF = Peace and Freedom

NPP=No Party Preference

# VOTER INFORMATION



## Qualified Political Parties for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election:

American Independent Party = AI	Peace and Freedom Party = PF
Democratic Party = DEM	Republican Party = REP
Green Party = GRN	No Party Preference = NPP
Libertarian Party = LIB	

## Party Endorsements

In accordance with Section 13302(b) of the California Elections Code, the following qualified political parties have endorsed the following candidates for a voter nominated office. (The Green, Peace and Freedom and Libertarian parties did not endorse candidates for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election.)

Office/District	American Independent	Democrat	Republican
U.S. Representative in Congress District 1	Doug LaMalfa	Audrey Denney	Doug LaMalfa
State Senate District 1	No Recommendation	Pamela Swartz	Brian Dahle
State Assembly District 1	No Recommendation	Elizabeth L. Betancourt	Megan Dahle

## THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Each statement in this pamphlet is volunteered and paid for by the candidate. This pamphlet may not contain a complete list of all the candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot.

Each statement of qualifications is printed exactly as submitted by the candidate. Statements have not been checked for accuracy by any public agency.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1**

**DOUG LAMALFA**

**Occupation: Farmer/Member United State  
House of Representatives**

This has been a year like no other. The economic fallout from COVID-19 and the state's shutdown policies have left many families, small businesses and farms struggling to stay afloat.

With all of the divisions in Washington, I've kept the focus on our recovery. I cosponsored legislation to ensure that every county, regardless of size, receives funds to support critical services that have been impacted by the pandemic and voted to give small business and workers financial relief to help them get through the crisis.

COVID-19 is not the only crisis we have faced. I've worked across party lines to ensure the full support of the federal government to support post-Camp and Carr fires, with over \$3 billion in recovery efforts for firefighting, infrastructure restoration, home site clearing, and census restructuring that brought additional aid.

I passed a law to speed up the bureaucratic delays to clear near power lines and worked successfully to bring crucial funding to local airports, rural broadband, water storage projects and veterans' programs.

I stand firm against efforts to defund the police and throw open prison doors. The flaws in our criminal justice system will not be fixed by eliminating the police and burning our system to the ground.

While this has been a difficult year, I have faith that together we will recover and emerge even stronger. With your support I will continue to bring common sense to government. Thank you. Please visit [www.DougLaMalfa.com](http://www.DougLaMalfa.com) or call 530-712-3675.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1**

**AUDREY DENNEY**

**Occupation: Agricultural Educator**

I believe that with hard-working, responsive leadership, the North State can rebuild our economy and communities from the devastation COVID-19 and wildfires have caused our families and businesses.

I learned the value of hard work as the daughter of a Vietnam veteran, growing up on a small farm, teaching agriculture at Chico State, and training the next generation of farmers.

For too long, our district has been without effective representation in Washington. I'm running because we can break the gridlock by having a representative who answers to the working people and small businesses of our district – not political parties, special interests, lobbyists or corporations. I'll do this by fighting to get money out of politics, making health care and prescription drugs affordable for all, and working to improve our schools, infrastructure, and fire protection.

We need to fire self-dealing career politicians who look out for themselves. We need to find solutions that will restore our jobs and our communities and protect veterans, Medicare, and Social Security - solutions that respect families by assuring family sick leave and fair treatment of women at work.

We need to end the partisan bickering and the political games and focus instead on the right solutions for everyone. My commitment to the First District is to stand up to both parties when they're wrong, put people first, and to work for solutions to get things done for you.

I would be honored to have your vote.

[www.AudreyforCongress.com](http://www.AudreyforCongress.com)





**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1**

**CHRIS GALLAGHER**

**Occupation: Board of Supervisor**

As your District 1 Supervisor, I believe I have brought strong leadership to the Board. Being chosen Board Chair in my second year came as a surprise, but I was honored to embrace the role. My emphasis has always been on creating new revenue, increasing tourism, supporting local businesses, and utilizing my knowledge of government budgets. During my tenure, new businesses have emerged in Westwood, and a concerted effort to clean up that community has made an impact. We introduced Eagle Lake to countless visitors through our advertisements in Visit California, which reaches millions around the world. Through our efforts, FEMA money was secured to obtain gravel to fix the dirt roads in Spalding.

2020 has been extraordinarily challenging while facing COVID-19, power outages, and constant fires. But together, we have been steadfast and proactive in tackling these challenges. My experience in Law Enforcement and government management allowed me to bring leadership amid times of crisis. I connected with the Department of Corrections and stopped the transfer of infected inmates to our prisons. This enabled us to keep COVID cases in Lassen County low. Proven leadership brings great results and will do so again. Vote to re-elect supervisor Chris Gallagher.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1**

**NICHOLAS MCBRIDE**

**Age: 39**

**Occupation: Business Owner**

Spending most of my life in Lassen County I see the potential of each community in District 1. I live, work, recreate, and raise my family in Lassen County. My passion for improving our community lead me to establishing myself as a respected and active community leader. In 2012, I was elected and served on City Council where I was granted the incredible opportunity of completing numerous wants and needs brought forth by our citizens.

During my time as Mayor pro tem I began to recognize even greater needs faced throughout Lassen County, leading to my decision to run for Supervisor. As a qualified and passionate candidate, I have a proven record of accomplishing goals I set forth for the prosperity of our citizens. I am dedicated to ensuring that our economic environment, public safety, and social services receive the support and precedence required.

I am driven to ensure that our community has a positive and successful future through creating transparency and open dialogue with all citizens proud to call Lassen County home. My diverse experience, knowledge, and involvement in our community will be dedicated to my role as your representative as District 1 Supervisor.



## VOTE SAFE with Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

**DAVID TRUSSELL** Age: 65

**Occupation: Retired College Administrator**

Hi, I'm Dave Trussell. I was born and raised in Susanville and have lived here my entire life. I graduated from Lassen High School in 1973 and graduated from Lassen College with an AA Degree. My major was Forestry. I worked for the United States Forest Service for 33 years as a construction engineer and wildland firefighter. I was a member of a Type 1 Incident Management Team and served as president of the California Dozer Operators Group.

I retired in 2006 to accept a position at Lassen Community College as Director of Fire Science. My number one goal was to create a program for our local students to become qualified and hired by local fire agencies. As Director I worked with the other Vocation Program Managers to enhance all programs. I experienced the importance of working closely with Administration and having the support of the Board of Trustees.

During the next few years Lassen College will struggle through some very difficult times due to State financial cutbacks and the results of Covid-19. The college will need strong leaders who are not afraid to stand up and be counted. Let's make Lassen College great again!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

**MEGGIN LEWMAN** Age: 60

**Occupation: Student Support Special III**

Hello voters of Area 5 Lassen Community College! My name is Meggin Lewman and I am running to be your Trustee.

I hold Bachelor's degrees in Business Management and Economics, and have over 25 years' experience in financial management from employment in state and local government entities. I have served as President on community sports and served on the Johnstonville school board.

From my education and career, I have extensive knowledge of college policy and financial procedures. I served on many committees at LCC and UC ANR. I am currently employed at LCC in student services managing the learning center providing tutoring to students.

I believe student access to education must be a top priority to enhance employment opportunities and thereby our community. Further, support from campus resources and services are instrumental in increasing student success in obtaining certificates or degrees.

If elected, I will focus on sound fiscal management of resources for student success and to secure the future of Lassen Community College and the contributions it makes to Lassen County. I will represent the students and the residents of the college district with honesty and integrity.

Vote Meggin Lewman, a voice for the Lassen College and our community.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

**KIM DIETER**  
**Occupation: Teacher**

Lassen Community College is a vital asset to our community. My name is Kim Dieter and I want to continue to help Lassen Community College provide education opportunities for a wide array of students and serve as a valuable resource for Lassen and Modoc County residents.

I have been a teacher at Herlong High School for 35 years and serve as the FFA advisor. I began my teaching career as a part-time instructor at Lassen Community College. Over the years, I completed classes at Lassen Community College to meet university entrance requirements, fulfill requirements for a teaching credential and take personal interest classes. Many community members also count on Lassen Community College to provide educational opportunities for them.

I have experience in many aspects of education. I serve as the chair for high school accreditation committees. I am a past state president of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association and was selected as a CATA Teacher of Excellence. I assist with student teacher assessments. I earned a B.S. and an M.S. degree from UC Davis.

I would appreciate your vote for me, Kim Dieter, as a member of the Lassen Community College Board of Trustees.

Kim Dieter

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

**SANDRA JONAS** Age: 64

**Occupation: College Career Coordinator**

Greetings voters. My name is Sandra Jonas, I am running for Board of Trustees Area 4 Lassen Community College. I have been employed at the college for 21 years and currently serve as the Student Success Coordinator in the Career and Transfer Center.

I graduated from Lassen College in 1998 with an A.A. degree in University Studies, and from Chico State University in 2002 with a B.A. in Social Science, minor in Career Development.

I have an extensive working knowledge of college policy and procedure having served on many campus committees, most recently the Student Grievance Financial Aid Appeal committee and Accreditation sub-committee. I enjoy working effectively with college staff in assisting students with their educational needs on their career pathway.

I have weathered many leadership changes and accreditation woes during my years at Lassen. Now, we are facing unprecedented times: a combination of budget reductions, Covid19, and accreditation review. I assure the voters, that I have the knowledge and desire to work collaboratively with fellow board members to ensure the vital success of our college.

If elected as a Trustee of the Board my focus will be on the educational needs and the success of our students. I will represent the residents of the college district, with honesty and integrity.

Vote Sandra Jonas, a voice for the community.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR:  
MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees**

**LAURA BEYER Age: 38  
Occupation: Incumbent / Risk Advisor**

As a board member, I am not only a community representative but am also a member of this community that is invested in having the services we deserve. I want a hospital that can serve everyone from my parents to my young children. We may live rural but we deserve a hospital that continually improves quality, services, financial viability and good governance. I have spent the last four years advocating for these and significant improvements have taken place: there are new services such as a pharmacy, telemedicine and soon a health clinic (with plans for another by 2025), financial stability has significantly increased, quality ratings have improved and management has become more strategic. I have utilized my education (MBA, MA, BA) and career skills to help with these accomplishments. I spent my formal career as a strategic and risk management advisor for non-profit and government entities, with many years spent building and managing the risk program for the \$4 Billion Australian international aid agency. I was so grateful to return to my home town to raise my family and have been honored to represent my community. I look forward to continuing improvements and to serve you.



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# Presidential General Vote by Mail Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-64-20, all registered voters will be sent a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election. Registered voters do not have to apply for a Vote-by-Mail for this election.

Instead of going to the polls on Election Day, you can vote using the vote-by-mail ballot that will be sent to you.

After you have voted, insert your ballot in the envelope provided, making sure you complete all required information on the envelope.

You may return your voted ballot by:

1. Mailing it to your County Elections Official;
  - Vote-by-mail ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 17 days after Election Day.
  - If you are not sure your vote-by-mail ballot will arrive in time if mailed, bring it to any polling place in the State of California between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
2. Returning it in person to the office of your county elections official;
  - Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. Dropping your ballot into one of your county's ballot drop boxes; or
  - Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered to a ballot drop-off location must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
4. Authorizing someone to return the ballot on your behalf.
  - Anyone may return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per ballot basis. In order for your ballot to be counted, you must fill out the authorization section found on the outside of your ballot envelope.

When your vote-by-mail ballot is received by your County Elections Official, your signature on the return envelope will be compared to the signature on your voter registration card to ensure they match. To preserve the secrecy of your ballot, the ballot will then be separated from the envelope, and then it will be tallied.

All valid vote-by-mail ballots are counted in every election in California, regardless of the outcome or closeness of any race.

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Lassen County  
Registrar of Voters  
[www.lassencounty.org](http://www.lassencounty.org)



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**Julie M. Bustamante**  
Lassen County Clerk-Recorder  
220 S Lassen St Annex  
Susanville, CA 96130



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**PAID**  
**IVS**



## VOTE IT

Use a black or dark colored pen



## MAIL IT

No Stamp Needed – Use the enclosed Pre-Paid Postage  
Return Envelope – Mail Early



## Or DROP IT

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Courthouse at 220 S Lassen Street Susanville

