

TUOLUMNE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

2024 PRIMARY ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Our Nation, State, County and City face serious challenges and we have the opportunity and the responsibility to elect representatives to deliver constructive solutions. Your vote truly counts, especially in local elections where races have been decided by as few as two votes!

We need solid leaders committed to free-markets, limited government, individual liberty, and personal responsibility. Leaders who understand more taxes and bigger government are not the solution to every problem.

County Supervisor is an important position overseeing our 650+ person Tuolumne County government. The five people on the Board of Supervisors do not have to agree on everything but they need to work together for the long-term benefit of our citizens. Truth, Transparency, and Trust must be restored.

City of Sonora Council members with a 60+ person City government, face many of the same issues as County Supervisors. The five City Council members need to work together in the best interests of their citizens.

The State of California is not so “Golden” with some of the worst roads in the nation; school performance near the bottom nationally; critical housing shortages due to over-regulation driving unaffordable home prices, rents, and insurance; the worst homeless problem in the nation; crime; water mismanagement; some of the highest taxes with more coming. Frustrated citizens and businesses are leaving the State for better opportunities. California needs responsible common-sense representation in the legislature to restore the American dream in the Golden State.

The United States is headed in the wrong direction, as evidenced by poll results from every source. Congress must return to a path consistent with our founding history and constitutional values; fair and equal application of law; safety, national defense, and sound infrastructure. Schools must foster excellence, focus on the basics, reading, writing, arithmetic, and true American history. We need a business climate that creates jobs and helps our people thrive; and a government that minimizes its impact on our everyday lives.

Supervisor District 1

This race is blessed with multiple qualified candidates. The committee did not reach the 2/3 majority required to endorse at this time. Please continue your own research and vote for the candidate with values that align with yours.

Steve Grier for Supervisor District 4

The South County along with East Sonora will be fully represented with this experienced leader who knows and understands both communities. Steve has extensive history in the Groveland area having served as a law enforcement officer, spent 20 years with the Boy Scouts of America organization, five years with leadership in a homeowners' association, and volunteered for a philanthropic program for kids with Lions International. He is no stranger to the demands of public service and welcomes the challenge.

Arthur Schmidt for Supervisor District 5

Arthur has been a respected local businessman for many years. He has extensive experience with the city and the county. He knows our issues and believes in transparency, truth, logic, and common-sense solutions. He has demonstrated maturity and commitment through his work, community focus and personal philanthropy with 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, and many others. Arthur understands service and will be there for all of us.

Darren Duez for City Council

Darren is a local businessman who understands government procurement processes as well as managing payroll and taxes. He has been active in local government, especially in the City of Sonora, bringing focus and real solutions to major issues. Darren consistently steps up in the community delivering his time and resources to address critical needs. His focus on fiscal responsibility and accountability is vital to Sonora's future.

Stephen Opie for City Council

Stephen is a lifelong resident of Sonora. He desires to give back to his community as his family has done for generations with involvement in 4H and FFA in his youth, and volunteering with Tuolumne Sheriff's Posse. He currently serves as a Sonora City Planning Commissioner. Being keenly aware of the important issues facing the city, Stephen is prepared to provide effective community representation and leadership.

George Radanovich for State Assembly District 8

George is a champion for rural counties. As an experienced U.S. Congressman, he will engage progressive legislators and form common sense initiatives. George stands for stronger border security, law enforcement, less debt, and lower taxes. His concern surrounding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) drives his plan to engage the community in helping families and their children. George will fight to protect our constitutional rights.

Congressman Tom McClintock for re-election to the US Congress District 5

Tom is a dedicated constitutionalist who defends our rights and privileges as citizens striving for quality life in our rural county. A fiscal conservative who fights against wasteful government spending, he supports a balanced budget and reduction of the national debt. Tom continues to provide Congressional leadership in proven forest management strategies vital to the reduction of catastrophic fires and long-term health of the forest ecosystem.

Summary

Supervisor District 1: No recommendation at this time

Supervisor District 4: Steve Grier

Supervisor District 5: Arthur Schmidt

City Council: Darren Duez and Stephen Opie

California Assembly District 8: George Radanovich

United States Congress District 4: Tom McClintock