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Psych Techs: Make Your Voice Heard in the 2026 Primary Election



May 18, 2026

The Governor, statewide constitutional officers, and state legislators directly shape state budgeting, labor relations, departmental leadership, and public policy decisions, thereby affecting working conditions, benefits, and rights for every Bargaining Unit 18 member.

California's Primary Election will decide which candidates move forward to the November 2026 General Election. Under California's top-two primary system, every vote counts!

Make your vote count on June 2

The CAPT Board of Directors personally interviewed candidates to evaluate their understanding of the unique challenges facing Psychiatric Technicians and their commitment to protecting workers' rights, safe staffing, and quality patient care. Following this process, CAPT endorsed candidates who demonstrated a clear commitment to supporting public employees, retirement security, collective bargaining rights, and the long-term strength of our profession. The following endorsements reflect CAPT's support for leaders who recognize the vital contributions Psychiatric Technicians make within California's custodial healthcare system across facilities and homes operated by the DSH, CDCR/CCHCS, and DDS.

CAPT Endorsements for Statewide Office



[Fiona Ma for Lieutenant Governor](#)

As California State Treasurer and a former Assembly member, Fiona Ma has demonstrated strong fiscal leadership, support for public-sector workers, and a clear understanding of how state budgeting decisions affect frontline employees.



[Eleni Kounalakis for State Treasurer](#)

Currently serving as Lieutenant Governor, Eleni Kounalakis has been a consistent advocate for labor, public services, and economic equity. CAPT is confident in her ability to bring experienced leadership to the State Treasurer's Office.



[Anthony Rendon for State Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

As former Speaker of the California State Assembly, Anthony Rendon brings deep legislative experience, a strong record of collaboration with labor, and a commitment to public education systems that intersect directly with workforce development and public service.



[Dr. Shirley Weber for Secretary of State](#)

Dr. Shirley Weber has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to voting rights, public service, and educational opportunity, and CAPT is proud to support her continued leadership as California Secretary of State.



[Rob Bonta for Attorney General](#)

CAPT proudly supports Rob Bonta for Attorney General in recognition of his commitment to workers' rights, public safety, civil rights, and protecting Californians through fair and effective law enforcement leadership.



[Malia Cohen for Controller](#)

CAPT proudly supports Malia Cohen for State Controller in recognition of her commitment to fiscal accountability, public service, and protecting the financial stability of programs and services relied upon by working Californians.

CAPT Endorsements for the Board of Equalization

District 1	Nelson Esparza
District 2	Sally Lieber
District 3	Mike Gipson

CAPT Endorsements for State Senate and Assembly

SD 02	Damon Connoly	AD 16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	AD 47	Greg Wallis
SD 04	Jaron Brandon	AD 17	Matt Haney	AD 48	Blanca E. Rubio
SD 08	Angelique Ashby	AD 18	Mia Bonta	AD 49	Mike Fong
SD 06	Roger Niello	AD 19	Catherine Stefani	AD 50	Robert Garcia
SD 14	Esmeralda Soria	AD 20	Liz Ortega	AD 51	Rick Chavez Zbur
SD 16	Melissa Hurtado	AD 21	Diane Papan	AD 52	Jessica Caloza
SD 18	Steve Padilla	AD 23	Marc Berman	AD 53	Michele Rodriguez
SD 20	Caroline Menjivar	AD 24	Alex Lee	AD 54	Mark Gonzalez
SD 22	Susan Rubio	AD 25	Ash Kalra	AD 56	Lisa Calderon
SD 24	Sion Roy	AD 26	Patrick Ahrens	AD 57	Sade Elhawary
SD 28	Lola Smalwood-Cuevas	AD 27	Brian Pacheco	AD 58	Clarissa Cervantes
SD 30	Bob Archuleta	AD 28	Gail Pelerin	AD 60	Corey Jackson
SD 32	Kelly Seyarto	AD 29	Robert Rivas	AD 61	Tina McKinnor
SD 34	Avelino Valencia	AD 30	Dawn Addis	AD 62	Jose Luis Solache
SD 36	Chris Duncan	AD 31	Annalisa Perea	AD 64	Blanca Pacheco
SD 38	Catherine Blakespear	AD 34	Charles Hughes	AD 65	Ayanna Davis
		AD 35	Ana Palacio	AD 69	Josh Lowenthal
AD 02	Chris Rogers	AD 37	Gregg Hart	AD 70	Paula Swift
AD 04	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	AD 38	Steve Bennett	AD 71	JJ Galvez
AD 05	Neva Parker	AD 39	Juan Carri lo	AD 72	Chris Kluwe
AD 06	Maggy Krel	AD 40	Pilar Schiavo	AD 73	Cottie Petrie-Norris
AD 09	Heath Flora	AD 41	John Harabedian	AD 76	Darshana Patel
AD 10	Stephanie Nguyen	AD 42	Deborah Klein Lopez	AD 77	Tasha Boerner
AD 11	Lori D Wilson	AD 43	Celeste Rodriguez	AD 78	Chris Ward
AD 13	Rhodesia Ransom	AD 44	Nick Schultz	AD 79	LaShae Sharp-Colins
AD 14	Buffy Wicks	AD 45	James C. Ramos	AD 80	David A. Alvarez
AD 15	Anamarie Avila Farias	AD 46	Jesse Gabriel		