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The President has the most important job in our country. Elected for a four-year term, the President:

- signs or vetoes new U.S. laws
- is head of the armed forces
- is in charge of foreign policy (how we deal with other nations)
- presents a budget to Congress each year
- oversees most U.S. government agencies
- recommends to Congress judges to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

We asked the candidates for U.S. President to tell us about their qualifications and priorities. The order of the candidates is based on the size of their political party in California, starting with the largest.

Some candidates may decide to drop out of the election. For an up to date list of candidates, visit the *Easy Voter Guide* website, www.easyvoter.org.




DEMOCRATIC	STATEMENT	TOP PRIORITIES
 <p>Joseph R. Biden Senator, Law Professor Age: 65 Lives in: Wilmington, Delaware www.joebiden.com</p>	<p>I have a proven ability to bring people together to craft solutions on America's most important issues. I enacted the Violence Against Women Act and the Crime Bill; I have the only political solution to end the war in Iraq.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the war in Iraq. • Make college more affordable. • Provide health care for every American.
 <p>Hillary Rodham Clinton U.S. Senator Age: 60 Lives in: Chappaqua, New York www.hillaryclinton.com</p>	<p>As a lifelong advocate on behalf of children and families, I believe I have the strength and experience to lead most effectively and to bring about the change that is needed at this critical time in our nation's history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure guaranteed quality, affordable health care to all Americans. • End the war in Iraq and restore American leadership around the world. • Strengthen the middle class; confront global warming and lead America toward energy independence.
 <p>Christopher J. Dodd U.S. Senator Age: 63 Lives in: East Haddam, Connecticut www.chrisdodd.com</p>	<p>I have produced results and offer the boldest solutions to pressing challenges. From writing and passing the Family and Medical Leave Act to securing resources for our fire fighters, I have spent 26 years turning Democratic principles into national policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End War in Iraq; restore American leadership in the world. • Stand up for the middle class; make quality health care and education available to every American. • End oil dependence; implement corporate carbon tax.
 <p>John Edwards Attorney Age: 54 Lives in: Chapel Hill, North Carolina www.johnedwards.com</p>	<p>I grew up in a small town in North Carolina and was the first in my family to go to college. I'm running for president to make sure all Americans have the same opportunities I had to work hard and get ahead.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantee true universal health care for every American. • End the war in Iraq; re-establish America's moral leadership in the world. • Halt global warming; invest in renewable energies; end poverty; protect America's middle class.

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 <p>Mike Gravel Former U.S. Senator Age: 77 Lives in: Arlington, Virginia</p> <p>www.gravel2008.us</p>	<p>As a former U.S. Senator, I have the experience and the mature vision to lead and to call upon the courage in each of us so that together we can solve the critical issues facing our nation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the war in Iraq. • Universal healthcare coverage for all Americans. • Implement the National Initiative for Democracy.
 <p>Dennis J. Kucinich U.S. Congressman Age: 61 Lives in: Cleveland, Ohio</p> <p>www.dennis4president.com</p>	<p>I am the most qualified candidate for the office of the U.S. Presidency. My 40 years of leadership includes municipal, state and nationally elected offices. My six terms in Congress have included leadership against war, healthcare for all and protecting American jobs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal NAFTA and the WTO – agreements that hurt American workers. • Cut the bloated Pentagon budget by 15% to pay universal kindergarten and college. • Create a Works Green Administration – jobs to green America.
 <p>Barack Obama U.S. Senator Age: 46 Lives in: Chicago, Illinois</p> <p>www.barackobama.com</p>	<p>I'm running for President because I offer the American people a fundamentally different choice in 2008 – not just in the policies we offer, but in the kind of leadership we offer. Now is our chance to turn the page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the Iraq war. • Sign universal health care legislation by the end of my first term in office. • Put America on the path to a clean and secure energy future.
 <p>Bill Richardson Governor New Mexico Age: 59 Lives in: Santa Fe, New Mexico</p> <p>www.richardsonforpresident.com</p>	<p>I've been a global diplomatic trouble-shooter, a Congressman, Ambassador to the UN and the Secretary of Energy. But because I then left the beltway to run a state, I am also the best prepared and qualified to bring change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education. We have to scrap No Child Left Behind and devise an education policy that works. • End the war in Iraq – with no residual forces. • Energy. Create a new American Revolution for clean energy.
REPUBLICAN	STATEMENT	TOP PRIORITIES
 <p>Rudy Giuliani Former NYC Mayor Age: 63 Lives in: New York City, New York</p> <p>www.joinrudy2008.com</p>	<p>I've had extensive leadership experience as Mayor of New York, United States Attorney, and third ranking official in the Reagan Justice Department. I held those positions in time of crisis and have had positive results that people thought weren't possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain on the offensive on the war on terror and be prepared for attacks. • Restore fiscal discipline and end wasteful spending; embrace the global economy. • End illegal immigration and secure our borders.

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 <p>Mike Huckabee Former Arkansas Governor Age: 52 Lives in: North Little Rock, Arkansas www.mikehuckabee.com</p>	<p>I am the only authentic, consistent conservative with executive experience, having served over ten years as a governor. I don't just talk about cutting taxes and balancing budgets, I've done it. I've always fought for the sanctity of life and marriage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winning the war in Iraq and the war on terror. • Securing our borders and cracking down on illegals already here. • Achieving energy independence.
 <p>Duncan Hunter U.S. Congressman Age: 59 Lives in: Alpine, California www.gohunter08.com</p>	<p>The War on Terror is the most important issue we face, requiring our next President to have a strong national security background. As a veteran, 26-year Congressman and House Armed Services Committee member (four years as Chairman) – I have that experience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure secure borders by building the border fence on the U.S.-Mexican border. • Support a strong national defense. • Reverse unfair trade deals that have cost the U.S. millions of high paying jobs.
 <p>Alan Keyes Citizen Leader Age: 57 Lives in: Darnestown, Maryland www.alankeyes.com</p>	<p>I've had extensive experience in government at the national level (Assistant Secretary of State, UN Ambassador, National Security Council staff); in education (former university president); constitutional scholar (Ph.D. in government from Harvard); national pro-life leader; renowned advocate of American moral principles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore the sovereignty of the American people, including border security and immigration law enforcement. • Restore respect for America's founding principles, beginning with the right to life. • Abolish the Federal Income Tax, implement the FairTax.
 <p>John McCain U.S. Senator Age: 71 Lives in: Phoenix, Arizona www.johnmccain.com</p>	<p>I'm ready to be Commander-in-Chief from day one. My experience in the military and Congress gives me the national security credentials to take on the Democratic nominee. I'm a consistent conservative, and I will work to restore trust in government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting the war against Islamic extremism. • Restoring trust in government – I'll start by ending wasteful government spending. • Reforming our health care system and Social Security.
 <p>Ron Paul U.S. Representative Age: 72 Lives in: Lake Jackson, Texas www.ronpaul2008.com</p>	<p>I am known as the leading advocate for freedom in our nation's capital. I tirelessly work for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets and a return to sound monetary policies and advocate a policy of freedom, peace and prosperity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will immediately bring our troops home from Iraq. • I will protect our civil liberties by repealing the Patriot Act. • I will eliminate the Internal Revenue Service.

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 <p>Mitt Romney Former Massachusetts Governor Age: 60 Lives in: Belmont, Massachusetts www.mittromney.com</p>	<p>I've learned vital lessons that come from experience leading organizations in the private sector, the 2002 Olympics and as Governor of Massachusetts. Throughout my life, I've learned how to actually get the job done, not just talk about it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen our military. • Strengthen our economy. • Strengthen our families.
 <p>Tom Tancredo Congressman Age: 61 Lives in: Littleton, Colorado www.TeamTancredo.org</p>	<p>I have served in the U.S. Congress since 1999. I am a member of both the House Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources Committees. I am also the founder and former Chairman of the bipartisan House Immigration Reform Caucus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure the borders, enforce the law, and go after employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens. • Maintain a strong national defense. • Protect the Constitution and promote liberty for all Americans.
 <p>Fred Thompson Former U.S. Senator Age: 65 Lives in: McLean, Virginia www.Fred08.com</p>	<p>As a former U.S. Senator, I voted for lower taxes and promoted limited government. I served on the Intelligence Committee, dealing with National Security issues, and helped confirm a strict constructionist judge to the U.S. Supreme Court.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the nation: defend against radical Islamic terrorists. • Restrain government spending: entitlements are unsustainable. • Promote rule of law: secure our borders and enforce immigration laws.

Those also running for the presidential candidate for the Republican Party, who did not submit their information in time for our print deadline, include **Sam Brownback** | **John Cox**.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	STATEMENT	TOP PRIORITIES
 <p>Don J. Grundmann Doctor of Chiropractic Age: 55 Lives in: San Leandro, California www.truthusa.org</p>	<p>As with the Founding Fathers of our nation, I am a citizen who has a deep and passionate interest in preserving our Constitutional Republic, and the freedoms and the prosperity which comes from it, which our citizens uniquely enjoy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the melding of Canada, Mexico, and the United States into the North American Union. • Stop illegal immigration, secure our borders. • End the corruption of the IRS and the Federal Reserve System; restore honest money.
 <p>Mad Max Riekse Retired Lieutenant-Colonel Age: 60 Lives in: Fruitport, Michigan www.madmaxforpresident.com</p>	<p>I am a retired teacher and military officer; Vietnam and Iraq War Veteran with two MA's; past VFW Post & County Council Commander; NRA Life-member; recipient of the Freedoms Foundation's George Washington Bronze Honor Medal for Individual Achievement and married, one son.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and no war with Iran. • Send illegal immigrants home; American citizens first. • Eliminate IRS and federal taxes on military and federal pensions and on Social Security.

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 <p>Diane Beall Templin Attorney, RE Broker Age: 60 Lives in: Escondido, California www.vote4dianebealltemplin.com</p>	<p>My goal is to restore, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the USA and our inalienable rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness and qualities that made yesterday's America and its people free and great!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect our borders from invasions and illegals. • Fortify and increase American jobs through fair (not free) trade. • Restore interest free value backed dollars and stop inflation.
GREEN	STATEMENT	TOP PRIORITIES
 <p>Jared A. Ball Assistant Professor Age: 36 Lives in: Washington, D.C. www.jaredbforpresident.com</p>	<p>I am a veteran of Desert Storm and an academic, independent journalist and activist. My campaign, much like my background racially, ethnically and politically, is diverse, working-class focused and committed to genuine change for the disaffected majority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End mass incarceration – find alternatives for non-violent drug offenders and pardon political prisoners. • Redistribute material benefits, wealth, goods and services. • End U.S. Militarism – immediate troop withdrawal and closure of bases outside the U.S.
 <p>Jesse Johnson Actor, Filmmaker, Writer Age: 48 Lives in: Charleston, West Virginia www.jesse2008.us</p>	<p>I'm a US Citizen, over 35 and a 14-year resident. I have not committed treason or high crimes and misdemeanors. I ran one of the most successful third party campaigns for Governor in 2004 and have been elected State Party Chair.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demilitarize the economy. • Make the environment an educational and health priority. • Restore checks and balances and civil rights for all citizens.
 <p>Kent P. Mesplay Air Quality Inspector Age: 45 Lives in: Encinitas, California www.mesplay.org</p>	<p>I am a scientist, with a doctorate. I respect science, and I recognize that global climate change is a serious issue. I have lived and worked with people from many cultures and religions. I am thoughtful, kind and determined.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will request that local governments and communities build sustainably and efficiently for better independence and basic security of water, food and energy. • We must end the war in Iraq. • I will ban lobbying.
 <p>Kat Swift Bookkeeper & Facilitator Age: 34 Lives in: San Antonio, Texas www.voteswift.org</p>	<p>I meet all constitutional requirements. I am an educated citizen and student of world affairs who understands my rights and how to regain them. I am an experienced facilitator with a diverse point of view and will not be bought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin drastic reduction in violence against women and children. • Clean-up military contamination, cease military interventions and stop supporting dictatorships. • Institute single-payer healthcare and reallocate resources to benefit the middle class and working poor.

Those also running for the presidential candidate for the Green Party, who did not submit their information in time for our print deadline, include **Elaine Brown** | **Cynthia McKinney** (also a candidate for the Peace & Freedom party) | **Ralph Nader** (also a candidate for the Peace & Freedom party).




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 <p>John M. Finan Real Estate Development Age: 43 Lives in: New York, New York www.johnmfinan.com</p>	<p>I am the CEO of NYC Consulting Group (NYCCG.com), NYCRealty.com, and have a philanthropic past, saving 600 jobs at The Plaza Hotel and facilitating 80,000 meals to Ground Zero during September 11th. I exhibit the qualities essential in being President.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less government – adhering to the Constitution and restoring the Bill of Rights. • Less taxes by instituting the free market economic philosophies of Milton Friedman. • More freedom – rolling back illegal presidential powers – protecting personal liberty.
 <p>Dave Hollist Candidate Since 1978 Age: 54 Lives in: Alta Loma, California www.i.am/trading</p>	<p>I am the only candidate that will protect your money without taking your money. Contract Insurance is a way to finance governments. Our first revolution was Taxation Without Representation; our second should be Representation Without Taxation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring our troops home now. • Persuade Congress to create a Contract Insurance Department to pay for our government because I will not force anyone to pay taxes. • Be Commander-in-Chief for first priority.
 <p>Michael P. Jingoian Founder, CEO AngelVision Age: 46 Lives in: Sherwood, Oregon www.ResetAmerica.com</p>	<p>I have 25 years of demonstrated leadership experience in tackling tough problems and building organizations. We must replace our destructive and political two-party system by electing people of integrity and courage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End corruption, inside deals, influence peddling. • Institute a democratic election process, fight for increased ballot access and ranked-choice voting. • Shrink size, scope and power of government. Cancel Patriot Act and RFID Chip.
 <p>Steve Kubby Author, Speaker, Consultant Age: 60 Lives in: Fort Bragg, California www.kubby2008.com</p>	<p>As a co-author of California's historic medical marijuana law, I am the only candidate for President who has forced the government to recognize new rights, instead of taking more rights away from you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate withdrawal from Iraq via Executive Order. • Immediate end to War on Drugs via Executive Order. • Restoration of the Bill of Rights and a Constitutional government.
 <p>George D J Phillies Author, Physics Professor Age: 60 Lives in: Worcester, Massachusetts www.phillies2008.org</p>	<p>For 40 years, I've had real jobs: author, teacher, scientist. I've cut my pay to pay staff. I'll speak the truth: torture and warrantless wiretapping are felonies. I've never run us nine trillion into debt or launched an unprovoked war.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the War; bring troops home to secure our borders. • Balance budget, pay off national debt, shrink government, reduce taxes. • Education, energy, environment: power the Federal government with new, renewable energy.

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 <p>Wayne Allyn Root Entrepreneur/Small Businessperson Age: 46 Lives in: Henderson, Nevada www.ROOT4America.com</p>	<p>I'm a self-made S.O.B. (Son of a Butcher). I'm also the only small businessperson running for President. Small business creates a majority of America's jobs. My goal is to get government out of the way of average Americans and small businesspersons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut the size of government. • Greatly reduce taxes and spending. • States Rights: giving freedom and power back to individual Americans by putting the power in the hands of state and local governments.
 <p>Christine Smith Writer Age: 40 Lives in: Golden, Colorado www.LibertarianForPresident.com</p>	<p>Truth is my highest priority. I will get the federal government out of your personal and economic life; shrinking its size, power and cost so you can live as you choose in true freedom, prosperity and peace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iraq – immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and personnel. • Pardon non-violent drug “offenders” and allow gays to serve openly by Executive Order. • Abolish many federal agencies (freeing Americans from privacy intrusions and enormous taxation).

Those also running for the presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, who did not submit their information in time for our print deadline, include **Barry Hess** | **Daniel Imperato** | **Bob Jackson** | **Alden Link** | **Robert Milnes**.

PEACE AND FREEDOM	STATEMENT	TOP PRIORITIES
 <p>Stewart A. Alexander Automobile Sales Manager Age: 56 Lives in: Murrieta, California www.StewartAlexanderCares.com</p>	<p>I am a member of the Peace and Freedom Party and Socialist Party USA. I am a political and environmental activist. I was a candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles in 1989 and a candidate for California Lieutenant Governor in 2006.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the environment. • Create useful jobs for working class people, double the minimum wage. • Protect labor, free college education by 2009, reform health care and establish affordable housing.
 <p>Stanley Hetz Customer Service Representative Age: 35 Lives in: Smithfield, Philadelphia www.stanleyhetz.250x.com</p>	<p>I am a former candidate for the United States Senate. I have demonstrated respect for the opinions of all by helping to give a voice to members of several different parties from across the political spectrum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life for the poor. • Expanding freedom and personal rights for all. • Working towards bringing an end to the war.
 <p>Brian P. Moore Semi-Retired Health Administrator Age: 64 Lives in: Spring Hill, Florida www.votebrianmoore.com</p>	<p>I am the Socialist Party USA Presidential nominee, former Peace Corps Volunteer in Latin America, visited Cuba as 2006 Senate Candidate, a longtime critic of the corporate-controlled, two-party war machine, consistently demonstrating integrity and courage against the powers that be.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Iraq War/Iran threat immediately; remove all U.S. troops and corporations; destroy all U.S. WMD's. • Advocate worker control of industry. • Establish guaranteed minimum income, housing and socialized health care for all.

Those also running for the presidential candidate for the Peace & Freedom Party, who did not submit their information in time for our print deadline, include **John Crockford** | **Gloria La Riva** | **Cynthia McKinney** (also a candidate for the Gree party) | **Ralph Nader** (also a candidate for the Green party).