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Why Politifest?

A great city is built on infrastructure – sewers, water, streets, parks, sidewalks and libraries. If any of these systems fail or are inadequate, you can't have a great city.

Local journalism is also a type of infrastructure for a great city. Without it, all of these other systems can fail or problems can remain hidden. Good reporting serves to highlight shared problems so we can fix them.

But there’s also a role to educate and host constructive debates about those challenges. This is what Politifest is about. No matter our background or politics, we live in the same community. We have to be willing to share facts about what’s wrong or right and discuss what to do next.

If we love this region and we want it to be the best it can be, we all have to learn more about it and be willing to argue – sometimes fiercely – about what we should do with it.

Thank you for joining us in this special day, where politics is not sport but not boring either.

SCOTT LEWIS
CEO & Editor in Chief
Voice of San Diego

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Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
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Mayors in the Middle
12:00-1:15 • SHILEY THEATER

**Moderated by Scott Lewis, VOSD CEO & Editor in Chief**

San Diego Mayor **Kevin Faulconer** and Sacramento Mayor **Darrell Steinberg** come from different political perspectives but they’re both grappling with thousands of people living on the street and the health and safety problems that creates. In Tijuana, Mayor **Juan Manuel Gastelum** is dealing with similar problems – and some very different ones.

Soccer City, SDSU West, or None of the Above
1:30-2:30 • KIPJ THEATER

**Moderated by Scott Lewis, VOSD CEO & Editor in Chief**

The Chargers moved from San Diego, and took part of its heart with them. But their departure created a golden opportunity to do something special with the Mission Valley stadium land that hosted the team for so long. San Diegans have three choices on this November’s ballot. Measure E would direct the city to sell and lease the land to investors who promise to bring in a Major League Soccer team, a park, thousands of homes and an entertainment district. Measure G would direct the city to sell the land to SDSU, which itself has outlined a plan for a new stadium, a park, a campus expansion and thousands of homes. Or, San Diegans could reject those options and insist on something different.

**PANELISTS:**
- **Nick Stone**, partner FS Investors;
- **Marcela Escobar-Eck**, land-use consultant;
- **Howard Blackson**, urban designer;
- **Jack McGrory**, trustee, California State University;
- and **Laura Fink**, political consultant

The Future of California
1:30-2:30 • KIPJ ROOMS AB

**Moderated by Sara Libby, VOSD Managing Editor; and Ry Rivard, VOSD Reporter**

Despite incredible economic growth, California is dealing with widespread poverty, struggling schools, concerns about public safety and justice and an extremely high cost of living. What will the state’s leaders do to grapple with these problems? What is the future of politics and what are the short- and long-term debates we’ll see in Sacramento? Three leaders from the state Legislature will get into it all.

**PANELISTS:**
- Assemblywoman **Lorena Gonzalez** (D-San Diego);
- Assemblyman **Chad Mayes** (R-San Bernardino);
- Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber** (D-San Diego)
Assemblyman Rocky Chavez Exit Interview
1:30-2:30 • KIPJ ROOMS CD
Presented by CALmatters
Hear from Assemblyman Rocky Chavez about what it means to be a Republican who supports an overhaul of immigration law, opposes President Donald Trump’s border wall, and bucked his party by voting for the cap-and-trade program. He’ll also discuss being the target of Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ads that attacked from the right, and what he sees as the future of the Republican Party.

Elise Foley, HuffPost Reporter; Dulce Garcia, immigration attorney; Maya Srikrishnan, VOSD Reporter

Crash Course: California Ballot Measures
2:45-3:45 • KIPJ ROOMS AB
Led by Sara Libby, VOSD Managing Editor
Dive into the state propositions on the ballot, from gas tax repeal to housing bonds. Understand the pros and cons of each, and be ready to vote in November.

Mike Levin, Candidate for the 49th Congressional District
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Interview by Alex Presha, NBC 7 San Diego Reporter

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Interview by Scott Lewis, VOSD CEO & Editor in Chief

HuffPost Town Hall: Life, Undocumented, in the Trump Era
2:45-3:45 • KIPJ THEATER
Moderated by Amanda Terkel, HuffPost Washington Bureau Chief
More than 11 million undocumented people currently live in the United States, nearly a quarter of whom are in California. This panel explores what life is like for undocumented immigrants at a time when the president regularly vilifies them, the administration has made immigration enforcement a priority and lawmakers can’t agree on comprehensive immigration reform.

PANELISTS:
Tom Wong, UCSD Professor; Elise Foley, HuffPost Reporter; Dulce Garcia, immigration attorney; Maya Srikrishnan, VOSD Reporter

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Led by Lisa Halverstadt, VOSD Reporter
Dive into the local measures on the ballot, from the Mission Valley stadium site to city council term limits. Understand the pros and cons of each, and be ready to vote.

Prop 10: Can Rent Control Do What the Market Can’t?
4:00-5:00 • KIPJ ROOMS CD
Presented by CALmatters
California has a statewide moratorium on rent control laws. And cities are banned from applying existing rent regulation ordinances to new units. Now that the state is facing an affordable housing crisis, some housing advocates want to give cities a tool to put a legal lid on rents. Prop 10 would allow cities to introduce new restrictions on market rents or expand existing rent control policies.

Candidate Roundtable
4:00-5:00 • KIPJ ROOMS HI
Moderated by Casey Dominguez, Ph.D., USD Associate Professor
Seize the chance to meet in a small group with candidates for state and local offices. Come prepared to ask questions and get the inside scoop.

PARTICIPANTS:
Nathan Fletcher, Candidate for San Diego County Supervisor; Mike Levin, Candidate for the 49th Congressional District; Mark Meuser, Candidate for California Secretary of State; Monica Montgomery, Candidate for San Diego City Council District 4; Morgan Murtaugh, Candidate for the 53rd Congressional District; Valeri Paul, Candidate for Solana Beach City Council

VOSD Live Podcast: The Future of San Diego
4:00-5:15 • KIPJ THEATER
Hosted by Scott Lewis, Sara Libby, and Andrew Keatts
Voice of San Diego’s live podcasts have become riotous opportunities to see local leaders let loose a bit while also discussing important issues. For this special cap to the Politifest day, we’ll have a discussion with three of the people rumored to be considering running for mayor in 2020: Rep. Scott Peters, Assemblyman Todd Gloria and Councilman Chris Cate. We will not, however, talk about the 2020 race at all. Not one bit. We will explore what the city is going to do about homelessness, infrastructure, police and public safety. Plus, some games with the audience.
The Case for California Independence
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Led by Ken Brucker, Chairman, San Diego Central Committee of the California National Party

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Led by USD Ashley McGuire, Restorative Specialist, National Conflict Resolution Center

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Howard Blackson

Howard Blackson is an urban designer with AVRP Skyport Studios. He has been the principal designer of regional plans, new towns, neighborhood revitalization plans and urban infill projects. He also crafts policy and regulatory updates for cities and counties. Blackson is a former board member of Civic San Diego and holds a master’s degree in urban design from the University of Westminster, London. He is co-host of the ‘Whose City?’ podcast with SDSU’s Dr. Larry Herzog.

Councilman Chris Cate

Councilman Chris Cate represents the city’s Sixth District, which includes Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village, and Sorrento Valley. As councilman, Cate has been lauded for his solution-oriented approach to public safety, economic development and the environment. He is chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods and a member of the Environment, Rules and Budget and Government Efficiency committees.

Assemblyman Rocky Chavez

In 2012 Assemblyman Rocky Chavez was elected to represent the 76th Assembly District, which includes Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside and Vista. Chavez serves as vice chair of the Assembly Education Committee, as well as the vice chair of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee. He is also a member of the Utilities and Energy Committee, Budget Committee, Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance, Higher Education Committee and the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management.

Casey Dominguez, Ph.D.

Casey B. K. Dominguez, Ph.D., joined the University of San Diego Political Science faculty in 2005. Her research interests include congressional elections, political parties, campaign finance, and the presidency. She teaches upper and lower division classes on American Politics, as well as an upper division class on research methods.

Marcela Escobar-Eck

Marcela Escobar-Eck founded Atlantis Group in 2007 to provide land planning and entitlement services to developers and property owners, and has grown the company into the premier land use and strategic planning consulting firm in San Diego. She has more than 30 years of experience in land use and development. Formerly, as director of the Development Services Department for the city of San Diego, Marcela managed all operations of a department with a $68.9 million budget and 655 budgeted staff. She also served as a chief deputy director in Development Services overseeing
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San Diego Mayor
Kevin Faulconer

Kevin Faulconer is mayor of San Diego. Faulconer previously served as the District 2 City Council member for more than seven years, including as Council president pro tem. As chairman of the Council’s Audit Committee, he worked to restore the city’s credit rating and repair its credibility with investors following a pension scandal.

Laura Fink

Laura Fink is a sought-after speaker, writer, instructor and strategist who has grown businesses, rejuvenated nonprofits and elected national and statewide leaders by enabling them to successfully tell their stories. She has served as a trusted adviser to multiple members of Congress, high-profile philanthropists, nonprofit executives, business and labor leaders and a former speaker of the California State Assembly.

Nathan Fletcher

Nathan Fletcher is a candidate for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for the County’s 4th district. A former representative in the California State Assembly,
Fletcher currently serves as a professor of practice in Political Science at the University of California, San Diego. Fletcher served as a Counterintelligence Specialist in the Marine Corps and did two combat tours in Iraq, the Near East and the Horn of Africa.

Elise Foley
Elise Foley covers politics and immigration, including the intersection of the two, for HuffPost. She previously worked at the Washington Independent and attended journalism school at Northwestern University.

Dulce Garcia
Dulce Garcia is an attorney in Chula Vista. She represents clients in immigration, civil litigation and criminal defense cases. A DACA recipient, Garcia is one of six DREAMers who sued the Trump administration over its plans to rescind DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. She’s been living in the United States since her family immigrated from Mexico when she was 4 years old.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum
Elected mayor in 2016, Juan Manuel Gastelum is a member of Mexico’s National Action Party. He has served as a state legislator, federal legislator and president of the PAN in Tijuana. From December 2000 to February 2001, he was acting mayor of the city. Born in Tijuana, he is fluent in English, a language he first earned as a fifth- and sixth-grader at Robert E. Lee Elementary School in San Diego.

Assemblyman Todd Gloria
In December 2016, Todd Gloria was sworn in as the Assembly member for the 78th Assembly District, making him only the second person of Filipino heritage ever elected to the California Assembly and the Legislature’s only enrolled tribal member. Gloria currently serves in Assembly leadership as the Majority Whip. In 2008, he was elected to the San Diego City Council. He served two terms as City Council president and as the city’s interim mayor from August 2013 to March 2014. Gloria’s service as interim mayor is credited for restoring the public’s trust in city government.

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez was elected in May 2013. She is the first Latina in California history to chair the Assembly Appropriations Committee. She is also chairwoman of the Select Committee on Women in the Workplace and Vice Chair of the Latino Caucus. Prior to being elected to the Assembly, Gonzalez
David Lesher

David Lesher is co-founder, editor and CEO of CALmatters, a nonpartisan, nonprofit news venture committed to explaining how California’s state Capitol works and why it matters. Previously, Lesher was director of government affairs at the Public Policy Institute of California, a non-partisan think tank focused on state policy issues. Lesher has more than 25 years of journalism experience, largely at the Los Angeles Times, where he was a political writer, state Capitol reporter and assistant national editor. He also has served as editor of California Journal magazine and as California director for the New America Foundation.

Mike Levin

For the last two decades, Mike Levin has been involved in a variety of local, state and federal political campaigns and community organizations. He served as executive director of the Democratic Party of Orange County and has worked as an attorney focused on environmental and energy regulatory compliance and government affairs. Levin has served...
for several years on the board of the Center for Sustainable Energy, based in San Diego, and co-founded Sustain OC in Orange County.

Assemblyman Chad Mayes

Chad Mayes was first elected to the Assembly in November 2014 to represent the 42nd District in the California State Assembly. This Inland Empire district encompasses parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Mayes is most passionate about housing, transportation and reducing poverty through education, job creation and economic expansion.

Jack McGrory

Jack McGrory is a leading member of the Friends of SDSU steering committee, a volunteer group championing Measure G to grow San Diego State University. Jack is also CEO of La Jolla MJ Management LLC, a real estate investment company, and served as city manager for the city of San Diego. A member of the California State University Board of Trustees, Jack is actively involved with San Diego State University serving as the past chairman of the Campanile Foundation Board, chairman of the Veterans Council and chairman of the School of Public Affairs Council, among other involvement.

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Mark Meuser

Mark Meuser is a native Californian and small business owner, committed to fighting for honest and fair elections.

To better help small businesses owners handle California's complex regulatory environment, Meuser opened The Meuser Law Group, a diverse civil litigation firm that represented individuals and small businesses. Meuser's unique training has taught him how to listen to people, formulate creative alternatives and achieve workable solutions to real problems.

Monica Montgomery

Monica Montgomery grew up in City Council District Four. A native San Diegan, her legal career has been dedicated to the improvement and uplifting of the city of San Diego as a whole and the city's Fourth City Council District. Montgomery earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Spelman College and a J.D. from California Western School of Law. After passing the California Bar, she practiced law in the areas of civil rights, consumer, real estate and bankruptcy. During the economic downturn, she helped community members keep their homes. Before joining the ACLU in 2016, Montgomery worked at the city of San Diego for three elected officials, including Councilwoman Myrtle Cole, Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Councilman Todd Gloria during his term as interim mayor.

Dan Morain

Dan Morain is senior editor at CalMatters, a public interest journalism venture committed to explaining how California's state Capitol works and why it matters. Prior to that, Morain was editorial page editor and political affairs columnist at The Sacramento Bee.

Morgan Murtaugh

A lifelong San Diegan, Morgan Murtaugh has been actively involved in local and national politics for more than 10 years. She attended Grossmont College in El Cajon while working for the commander of Naval Air Forces as an assistant protocol officer. She later worked for Rep. Brian Bilbray and La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid. She was a fellow at the National Journalism Program of the Young America's Foundation in Washington, D.C. Now back in San Diego, Murtaugh works as an on-air political commentator for One America News Network. At 26 years old, she is the youngest person on a major party ticket running for Congress in 2018.

Valeri Paul

Valeri Anne Paul, Ed.D., is running for Solana Beach City Council. She has lived in Solana Beach with her husband for 18 years. Paul is an educational consultant and business owner, advising educational...
institutions and corporations on policies, curriculum development and business initiatives.

Rep. Scott Peters

Rep. Scott Peters serves California’s 52nd Congressional District, which includes Coronado, Poway and most of northern San Diego. First elected in 2012, he has worked across the aisle to fix a broken Congress and stand up for San Diego’s military and veterans community. Peters began his political career as a member of the San Diego City Council, where he later became the city’s first City Council president. He has served on the Governor’s Commission on Tax Policy in the New Economy, and in 2002, the speaker of the Assembly appointed him to the California Coastal Commission. Peters also served as chairman of the San Diego Unified Port District.

Maya Srikrishnan

Maya Srikrishnan covers the U.S.-Mexico border and immigration issues for Voice of San Diego. She holds a degree in Latin American studies from the University of Texas at Austin and a master’s degrees in journalism and international affairs from Columbia University. She came to San Diego in 2015 and has been working at Voice of San Diego since, previously reporting on housing, land use and education issues in the county. Her work has also appeared in the Los Angeles Times, the New York World and ABC News.

Sacramento Mayor
Darrell Steinberg


Nick Stone

Nick is a partner at FS Investors and serves in a variety of direct management, advisory and director positions at portfolio companies. Prior to joining FS Investors, he was a vice president at TPG Capital, one of the world’s largest private equity funds. Prior to joining TPG, Stone was an investment professional at KKR, another of the world’s top-five private equity investment firms.

Amanda Terkel

Amanda Terkel is the Washington bureau chief at HuffPost. Previously, she served as deputy research director at the Center for American Progress and managing editor of ThinkProgress.org.

Assemblywoman
Shirley Weber

Assemblywoman Shirley Weber was elected in November 2012 to represent California’s 79th Assembly District,
which includes Bonita, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City and parts of San Diego. Dr. Weber chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety. She also serves as a member of the Assembly Standing Committees on Education, Higher Education, Elections, Budget, and Banking and Finance. She has focused her legislative efforts on public safety, educational equity, voting rights and food insecurity.

Tom Wong

Tom K. Wong is an associate professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, where he is director of the International Migration Studies Program Minor. He served as an adviser to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders under the Obama administration and currently serves on California’s Census Complete Count Committee. Wong’s research focuses on the politics of immigration, citizenship, and migrant “illegality” and explores the links between immigration, race and ethnicity, and the politics of identity. He has published two books, “Rights, Deportation, and Detention in the Age of Immigration Control” and “The Politics of Immigration: Partisanship, Demographic Change, and American National Identity.”

Voices of Our City Choir

Founded in 2016 by San Diego musicians Steph Johnson and Nina Deering, Voices of Our City Choir was created in response to the current housing crisis. The choir gives voice to San Diego’s homeless community, past and present. Singing provides a positive sense of community and solidarity for people facing extreme hardships, and their neighbors. It reduces stress, heightens awareness, empowers minds, strengthens bodies and sets the stage for peace and healing. To date, the choir has helped more than 27 unsheltered singers secure their own housing.

Steph Johnson

Award-winning singer-songwriter and guitarist Steph Johnson is a rare talent who catches your attention upon the first note. She has released four CDs. Her most recent recording, “Music is Art,” was produced by two-time Grammy Award winning producer Kamau Kenyatta. Johnson began her full-time musical career in 2008. Her second CD won an SDMA for Best Jazz Record.
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- ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties
- The California Teachers Association
- Climate Action Campaign
- Interfaith Community Services
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