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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET & VOTE BY MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

**This is an *ALL MAIL* ballot election.
There will be no polling places designated.**

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LANGUAGE AND VOTING ASSISTANCE

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Sample ballots and voter information pamphlets are available in Spanish on the Sierra County website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections. To request a Spanish facsimile ballot, please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office.

ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Las papeletas de muestra de la elección y los folletos de información del votante están disponibles en español en la página web del Condado de Sierra, yendo a www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections. Para solicitar una papeleta en español por medio de fax, comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario de l Conda do de Sierra por teléfono, o por correo electrónico.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Are You Having Difficulty Voting Because of a Disability? Call 1-888-569-7955. Disability Rights California will help voters with disabilities have a successful voting experience and identify issues needing to be addressed. They will operate a statewide voting hotline: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020 and will be available to answer calls prior to and following the election.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE

An accessible version of the sample ballot, voter information pamphlet, and a remote accessible system to mark an electronic vote by mail ballot independently at home, is available on the Sierra County Election's website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections. Remote accessible vote by mail ballots must be printed and returned either by mail, delivered to the Sierra County Clerk's Office or to the Loyalton Drop Box no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

NOTICE - The Remote accessible vote by mail ballot option is available to **ALL** voters for the November 2020 General Election.

The Sierra County Clerk's Office is also equipped with an accessible device that enables all voters, including those with disabilities to mark their ballots privately and independently. The accessible ballot marking device includes an audio ballot reader and accommodates adaptive devices such as a sip-and-puff. Please contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office at (530) 289-3295 for more information.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

MARK YOUR BALLOT

Completely darken in the box to the left of your choice. Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers, pencils or any other type of pen. **Do not sign your name** on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

CHECK YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY

If you make a mistake, write "no" next to the incorrect box and darken the correct box.

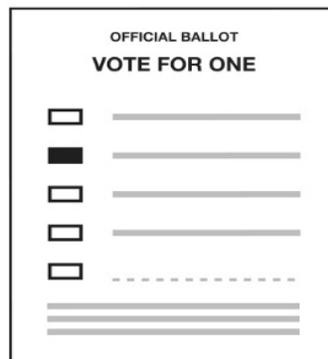
If you vote for more candidates than the number of candidates permitted for a particular office race, it is called an overvote; your vote will not count for that candidate.

If you spoil your ballot and wish another sent to you, place the spoiled ballot in the return envelope and immediately return it to the Sierra County Clerk's Office. Be sure to check the box marked "spoiled" on the return envelope and sign your name in the space provided.

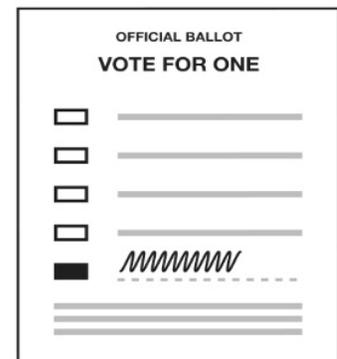
To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write his or her name on the blank line at the end of the list of candidates. Then darken in the box next to the name. A list of qualified write-in candidates will be available at the Sierra County Clerk's Office and Loyalton City Hall on Election Day. This list will also be posted on our website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections on October 23, 2020.



Don't vote for too many



Vote for the number allowed



Always darken the box, even on a write-in vote

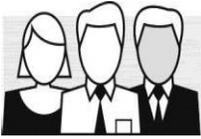
SEAL YOUR BALLOT

Place your ballot in the return envelope and seal. Sign and date on the line provided on the back of the return envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted unless you sign the return envelope in your own handwriting. No one other than you may sign your return envelope. If you are unable to sign your return envelope, you may make a mark and have a witness sign.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

Return your ballot by mail. Vote by mail ballots will be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Sierra County Clerk's Office no later than 17 days after Election Day. Return your ballot in person. A drop off will be available at the **Loyalton City Hall Auditorium** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or you can bring your ballot to the Sierra County Clerk's Office in Downieville. Your ballot must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are unable to return your ballot, you may now designate any person to return the ballot on your behalf. The signature and printed name of the person authorized to return your ballot must be completed on the return envelope. To check the status of your vote by mail ballot, please call 1-888-223-6443.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS & OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

WHO IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

A complete list of the candidates on your ballot and their contact information is available online at www.sos.ca.gov.

HOW DO I FIND CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS?

Cal-Access provides financial information supplied by state candidates, donors, lobbyists, and others and can be found at www.sos.ca.gov.

NOT EVERY CANDIDATE FILES A CANDIDATE STATEMENT

This pamphlet does not contain a candidate statement for all candidates as each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. State laws also govern who can submit a statement for publication in this pamphlet. Statements are printed as submitted. By law, the Elections Office does not correct spelling or grammatical errors.

EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS: STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

If a candidate for State Senate or Assembly accepts the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Government Code Section 85400, the candidate may print at his or her expense, a candidate statement in the voter pamphlet. The following State Legislative candidates have accepted the voluntary campaign spending limits and submitted a candidate statement for publication in this pamphlet:

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 1	PAMELA DAWN SWARTZ, DEMOCRATIC BRIAN DAHLE, REPUBLICAN
STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1	MEGAN DAHLE, REPUBLICAN ELIZABETH BETANCOURT, DEMOCRATIC

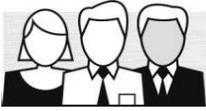
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Candidates running for U.S. Congress may file candidate statements for publication in the voter pamphlet. There are no spending limits that effect whether a statement can be included or not. The statements are volunteered by the candidates, printed as submitted, and printed at his or her expense.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:

The following offices will appear on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot as well as statewide and local measures.

PARTY-NOMINATED	VOTER NOMINATED	LOCAL
United States President & Vice President	United States Representative, District 1	Eastern Plumas Healthcare District (District office may not appear on all ballots)
	State Senator, District 1	
	State Assembly Member, District 1	



CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section §13302(b), political parties may request the Election's Office to include a list of endorsed candidates for voter-nominated offices in the voter pamphlet. Below are the endorsements.

Democratic Party Endorsed Candidates:

- Audrey Denney, United States Representative, District 1
- Pamela Dawn Swartz, United States Senate, District 1
- Elizabeth L Betancourt, State Assembly Member, District 1

Republican Party Endorsed Candidates:

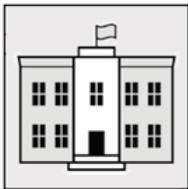
- Doug LaMalfa, United States Representative, District 1
- Brian Dahle, United States Senate, District 1
- Megan Dahle, State Assembly Member, District 1

American Independent Party Endorsed Candidate:

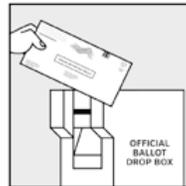
- Doug LaMalfa, United States Representative, District 1

No candidate endorsements were received from the Peace and Freedom, Green, or Libertarian parties for this election.

VOTING OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS



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DROP BOX

You can drop off your ballot at the **Loyalton City Hall Auditorium** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day *ONLY*.

HERE YOU CAN:

- Vote
- Drop off your ballot
- Get help and voting materials in two (2) languages
- Register to vote or update your registration



VOTE BY MAIL

Mail your ballot so that it is postmarked no later than Election Day, November 3, 2020.

BALLOT TRACKING

WHERE'S MY BALLOT?

New! BallotTrax, a free ballot tracking and alert system, is now available to voters who wish to track the status of their vote-by-mail ballots. Here, you can check when your ballot is mailed, received, and or counted. Sign up now at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to utilize this free service.



PAID CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate statements are provided by the candidate and printed at his or her expense.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 1

Doug LaMalfa

Occupation: Farmer/Member United States 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 or call 530-712-3675.

/s/ Doug LaMalfa

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.

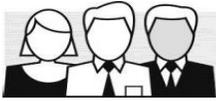
We need to fire self-dealing career politicians who look out for themselves. We need to find solutions that will restore our jobs and our communities and protect veterans, Medicare, and Social Security - solutions that respect families by assuring family sick leave and fair treatment of women at work.

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

/s/ Audrey Denney



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STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 1

Pamela Dawn Swartz

Occupation: Small Business Owner

I am your neighbor, not a politician. I am running to represent the North State because we need leaders in Sacramento who answer to us, instead of big-donor corporations. I'm fiercely loyal to our District, and will introduce creative policies to help our communities move into the future.

We are at a crossroads where cracks in our health care, fire resiliency, connectivity and education systems have been laid bare. We have a choice: will we continue to try to rework old systems, or will we work on bold solutions?

We need to get serious about managing our watersheds and forests, creating opportunities in new job sectors, providing affordable health care and housing, and improving schools and infrastructure. We need to use our leverage as the supplier of $\frac{2}{3}$ of California residents' drinking water to get more support in Sacramento. I am a natural problem solver and will think outside the box to find solutions for our District.

I'm no stranger to hard work, having started and successfully maintained for 31 years a small skincare business, treating individuals with chronic acne. Many of you know me personally from my second job as a farrier, specializing in barefoot horse trimming. I also hold a degree in Forestry with an emphasis in Wildlife Management, which makes me the perfect fit for our rural District.

I share your values; I'm going to roll up my sleeves and stand up for what we need.

www.pamelaforsenate.com/endorsements_2020

/s/ Pamela Dawn Swartz

Brian Dahle

Age: 55

Occupation: Farmer/Businessowner/Senator

Repairing our damaged economy, tackling the COVID-19 health crisis and returning lives to normal is how we move California forward.

I am a small business owner and farmer who is working to rebuild our economy.

Protecting local jobs, keeping small businesses afloat, retraining unemployed workers, and ensuring our farms have enough is essential a stronger economy.

I'm also working hard to ensure legislators understand the unique problems facing Sierra County so we craft solutions that work for us.

By working across party lines, I helped save lives by improving the state's health care response to COVID-19, provided masks to essential workers and expanded hospital space.

I stood up to the special interests to make health care more affordable by passing bipartisan legislation to end the gouging of hospital patients with surprise out-of-network bills, improved preventative care and made pharmaceutical companies more accountable for rising drug prices.

Defeating \$29 billion in new taxes, protecting Prop 13 and keeping property taxes down helped keep more money in your pockets during these tough times.

I held agencies accountable for wildfire and increased funding to prevent more deadly wildfires.

My record has earned me 100% ratings from the California Police Chiefs Association and the California Taxpayers Association.

As your Senator, I'll continue fighting to make Sierra County safer and healthier while rebuilding our economy.

Please call me at (530) 251-3888 or visit www.briandahle.com if you have questions or need assistance.

/s/ Brian Dahle



PAID CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

Megan Dahle

Age: 45

Occupation: Farmer/Businesswoman/Mother

Rebuilding the North State's economy, stopping the spread of the coronavirus, and getting lives back to normal are my top priorities.

As a small business owner and farmer, I'm using my experience to help our economy recover by protecting existing jobs and working to create new ones.

My focus is on getting state government to pay attention to the unique needs of Sierra County and not impose one size fits all solutions that hurt the North State to help Los Angeles.

To help deal with COVID-19, I worked to improve the state's health care responses, pushed to add nurses and worked to prevent price gouging for food and essential supplies.

Making health care more affordable and ensuring we have access to care during these tough times is a priority.

The coronavirus showed America is dangerously dependent on China for prescription drugs. To fix that problem, I am working to ensure America make more of the pharmaceuticals our families need.

Continuing my efforts to improve forestry management and ensuring power lines are properly maintained will help prevent more deadly wildfires.

As a former school board member, ensuring students learn the skills needed to succeed in tomorrow's economy and that parents can choose the best educational opportunities for their child is critical.

Firefighters, law enforcement officers, teachers and health care professionals support me. I hope you do too.

If you have questions, please call me at (530) 251-6757 or visit www.votemegahle.com.

/s/ Megan Dahle

Elizabeth Betancourt

Age: 40

Occupation: Small Business Owner/Farmer/Rural Advocate

We have been neglected by institutional politicians and the corporate interests that support them.

If you're like me, you believe it's time for Sacramento to pay attention to our North State needs. My family owns a small farm and understands the hard work that goes into making a small business work... and the failure of Sacramento's one-size-fits-all approach.

I'm also a scientist with broad experience in forest management, balancing ecosystem health and economic realities. I live here, work here, and have been a tireless advocate for our North State communities for nearly 20 years. I will work for:

Science-based forest management and investment;

Locally-driven water policy;

Decreasing the red tape for our small businesses and family farms;

Real rural economic development, including rural broadband;

Addressing the growing risk of catastrophic wildfires and holding insurance companies accountable; and

A world-class education for all of our students, ensuring that more of our tax dollars for education actually make it to the classroom.

The government has ignored us. Even our own elected officials disappear into Sacramento and only return when they want our votes. I'm not a politician. I say what I mean and I mean what I say.

I commit to a real and active presence, responsive to your concerns, and have shown this commitment through years of service to our communities; I'll continue to do so as your next Assemblymember. On November 3rd, I'd like the opportunity to earn your trust.

www.BetancourtForAssembly.com

/s/ Elizabeth Betancourt

SIERRA COUNTY MEASURE E

Shall the Ordinance No. 1092 amending the Sierra County Code to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12.5%, effective July 1, 2021, for the privilege of occupying a lodging (as defined in section 5.20.010) within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County, which revenues from the 2.5% increase shall be dedicated solely for the purpose of providing emergency medical, fire or rescue services by the fire districts within Sierra County, be adopted?

YES ____ NO ____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Ballot Measure E proposes to amend the Sierra County Code to increase the current Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) of 10% to 12.5% for the purpose of funding emergency medical, fire or rescue services by the fire districts within Sierra County.

Existing Law: The current Transient Occupancy Tax is set at 10% which goes into the Sierra County General Fund. The tax is collected by the operator of lodging facilities at the time the rent is paid.

Proposed Change: The measure would increase the Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12.5%. 2.5% of the tax will be dedicated solely for the purpose of providing emergency medical, fire and/or rescue services by the fire districts within Sierra County. The remaining 10% will continue to be deposited in the County of Sierra General Fund.

Effect: If the measure passes, operators of facilities subject to collection of TOT taxes as set out in Sierra County Ordinance No. 1092 will be required to collect an additional 2.5% of the rent charged as a TOT tax for a total of 12.5% TOT tax. Funds will be collected and distributed to the fire districts for the provision of emergency medical, fire and/or rescue services within Sierra County. The cost of lodging stays will increase

for users of said facilities. Funding for emergency medical, fire and rescue services will be generated.

Measure E was placed on the ballot by the governing body of the County of Sierra. To be adopted, Measure E must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of voters.

A “yes” vote on Measure E favors the Measure.

A “no” vote on Measure E opposes the Measure.

County Counsel

/s/ Amanda Uhrhammer

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure E. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please contact the Election’s Office at 530-289-3295 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the county website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE E**

Vote YES on Measure E. It is vital that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) be available in our remote communities. EMS currently does not have its own funding mechanism, but is financed by fire department revenues. These funds are scarcely adequate for fire equipment, and can't provide the necessary level of response to medical emergencies incurred by residents and all the people that recreate here.

The 2 ½% increase to the Tax on Tourism (TOT) will go to each fire district where the tax is collected. Measure E provides a means for visitors to share in the support of our EMS and Fire & Rescue Services.

A YES vote will ensure that you, your family, neighbors, friends, and our visitors will continue to receive the best level of care when every second counts.

/s/ The Yes on E G & H Committee

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE E**

None filed.

SIERRA COUNTY DOWNIEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEASURE G

Shall the measure proposed by the Downieville Fire Protection District establishing a special property tax of \$60.00 per annum per improved real property parcel for Emergency Medical Services and Fire & Rescue Services within the District, for raising an estimated \$18,000.00 annually, until the tax is amended or repealed, and raising the appropriations limit of the District to permit spending of the revenue raised by the tax, be adopted?

YES ____ NO ____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Ballot Measure G proposes an ordinance that would establish a special property tax affecting improved parcels of real property to provide funding for emergency medical services and Fire & Rescue services raising the Downieville Fire Protection District’s spending limit to allow for use of the proceeds from the increased tax.

1. Special Property Tax:

Existing Law: There is currently no property tax assessed for the purpose of providing emergency medical services and Fire & Rescue services within the Downieville Fire Protection District.

Proposed Change: The measure would impose a tax on all improved real property parcels within the Downieville Fire Protection District in the amount of \$60.00 per parcel of land per year.

Effect: If the measure was to pass, each improved parcel of real property would be assessed a tax of \$60.00 per parcel per year. The proceeds from this tax would be used exclusively for the purpose of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining Emergency Medical Services and Fire & Rescue services. Said Emergency Medical Services will include Basic,

Intermediate, and Advanced Medical Services and their necessary infrastructure to include fire suppression and rescue and extrication services.

The funds would be maintained in a separate fund. The taxes would be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as other property taxes collected by the County of Sierra.

2. Increase of Appropriations Limit

Existing Law: There exists an appropriations limit applicable to the District which limits the level of tax which can be collected.

Proposed Change: The measure would increase the appropriations limits by the amount collected from the proposed tax of \$60.00 per improved parcel per year as set forth above. This increase in the appropriations limit would persist for no more than 4 years.

Effect: If the measure was to pass, the appropriations limit applicable to this District would be increased for no more than 4 years by the amount of tax proceeds collected pursuant to this ordinance.

Measure G was placed on the ballot by the governing body of the Downieville Fire Protection District. To be adopted, Measure G must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of voters.

A “yes” vote on Measure G favors the Measure.

A “no” vote on Measure G opposes the Measure.

County Counsel

/s/ Amanda Uhrhammer

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please contact the Election’s Office at 530-289-3295 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the county website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE G**

Vote YES on Measure G. It is vital that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) be available in our remote communities. Downieville Ambulance employs a paramedic who is licensed to treat people at a higher level than can our volunteer EMT's and First Responders. To date all supporting funds have been through donations, but the community will be best served if the funding is consistent, predictable, and sustainable.

Fire district EMS response units currently do not have their own funding mechanism, but they are supported by fire department revenues. These funds are scarcely adequate for fire equipment, and can't provide the necessary level of response to medical emergencies incurred by residents and all the people that recreate here. This measure is a means by which the community can share in the support of our EMS and Fire & Rescue Services.

Ballot Measure G, in conjunction with Ballot Measures H and E, will raise sufficient funds annually to keep a paramedic on the Downieville Ambulance and will enhance the EMS and Fire & Rescue Services for all of western Sierra County.

The property tax to be imposed is only \$5 per month (\$60 annually) for all improved parcels, whether residential, commercial, or industrial. This tax will last for 4 tax years pursuant to the California Constitution, at which time it will need to be renewed.

A YES vote will ensure that you, your family, neighbors, friends, and our visitors will continue to receive the best level of care when every second counts.

/s/ The Yes on E G & H Committee

**ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE G**

None filed.