

Candidate	Experience (what specifically)	Follow-through (wins + gaps)	Housing reforms / approach	Who funds / supports them	Environment (positions + actions)	Insurance reform (positions + actions)	ICE / immigrant protection	Healthcare / single payer specifics	Overall synthesis
Becerra	CA Assembly; U.S. House; CA AG; U.S. HHS Secretary	Major anti-Trump legal wins; led federal healthcare and vaccine rollout	Housing production + streamlining + renter protections	Labor, healthcare, traditional Dem coalition	Climate + environmental justice protections	Strong health insurance and regulatory reform experience	Strong protections and pushback on federal overreach	Universal healthcare as a right; supports pathway to single payer	Very Strong
Bianco	Sheriff	Strong local law enforcement experience but poor follow through; limited statewide policy implementation	Primarily deregulation and market-led development	Conservative donors, law enforcement support	Weaker environmental regulation emphasis	Limited reform focus	Weak protections; more enforcement-oriented	No universal / no single payer	Weak
Hilton	Policy commentator, advisor; media/business background	Strong messaging, limited public-sector implementation	Deregulation-heavy housing approach	Wealth-driven / business aligned donors	Weak environmental regulation support	Market-based insurance approach	Weak protections	Expand market access, not universal	Weak
Mahan	Mayor of San Jose; tech/business background	Municipal governance and local execution	Detailed affordability and fast-track building plans	Tech, AI, and business donors	Moderate environmental balance	Moderate reform	Moderate protections	Healthcare expansion, not universal	Moderate
Porter	U.S. House; consumer protection expertise	Strong oversight and accountability record	Affordable housing expansion and barrier reduction	Grassroots / small-dollar donors	Strong climate + corporate accountability	Very strong consumer insurance reform	Moderate protections	Universal healthcare + single-payer legislative support	Strong
Swalwell	U.S. House; former prosecutor	Strong federal advocacy; less executive rollout; missed over 60% of votes - why?	Housing expansion + streamlining	Mixed Dem coalition	Strong environmental support	Moderate insurance reform	Strong ICE accountability	Coverage expansion more than universal	Moderate
Steyer	Business leader; climate activist	Strong advocacy, limited government implementation	Climate-resilient development + affordability	Self-funded / billionaire	Very strong climate leadership	Moderate climate-risk insurance framing	Moderate protections	Expand access; leans toward universal	Moderate
Thurmond	State Superintendent; former Assembly	Strong education leadership and state execution in that area; no real state or federal leadership	Moderate housing support	Labor / grassroots aligned	Strong environmental support	Moderate reform	Strong school-centered protections	Universal healthcare support + single payer	Strong
Villaraigosa	Former LA Mayor; former Assembly Speaker	Strong executive leadership in major city; only state level	Strong housing and development execution	Large donor / establishment support	Moderate environmental record	Moderate insurance reform	Strong protections	Expand coverage, less clearly universal	Moderate-Strong
Ware	Academic, activist, movement leader	Strong values advocacy; limited govt execution	Social housing + structural affordability reforms	Grassroots / activist donors	Very strong climate and land protections	Strong structural reform	Very strong immigrant protections	Universal healthcare as a right + single payer	Strong
Yee	CA Controller; Board of Equalization	Strong statewide fiscal and policy execution	Strong affordable housing support	Mixed institutional + public donors	Strong environmental fiscal planning	Strong insurance systems credibility	Moderate protections	Expand + leans toward universal	Moderate-Strong

Crossed out due to sexual assault allegations