

Political Parties

There are seven parties in California. We asked each one what they stand for. You can use what the parties say to help you decide which one to join. Or, you can mark “decline to state” on your voter registration form if you do not want to join a party.

PARTY	WHAT THEY STAND FOR	TOP PRIORITIES
<p>AMERICAN INDEPENDENT</p> 	<p>The American Independent Party stands for constitutional government and safeguarding the liberties of individual citizens. It believes government should protect innocent human life and uphold traditional moral values. It would end outsourcing of American jobs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End illegal immigration • Balance the state budget • Address levee repairs/state water problems <p>311,000 members in California* 619-460-4484 • www.aipca.org</p>
<p>DEMOCRAT</p> 	<p>The Democratic Party stands for working families, affordable health care, a woman’s right to choose and a cleaner environment. This party believes the role of government is to protect individual rights while ensuring a stable and prosperous nation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality education, especially full access to higher education • Economic stability • Safe communities <p>6,748,000 members in California* 916-442-5707 • www.cadem.org</p>
<p>GREEN</p> 	<p>The Green Party stands for social and economic justice, nonviolence, respect for diversity and protection of the environment. This party believes the role of government is to represent the people and protect the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A living wage, health care and education for all • Clean energy and environmental protection • Election reform <p>146,000 members in California* 916-448-3437 • www.cagreens.org</p>
<p>LIBERTARIAN</p> 	<p>The Libertarian Party is as American as apple pie. If you describe yourself as socially tolerant and fiscally responsible, you’re a Libertarian. This party believes you, not the government, should decide how to run your life, checkbook, education and family.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep what you earn; reduce taxes whenever possible • Educate your children as you see fit • Safe streets <p>83,000 members in California* 1-877-884-1776 • www.ca.lp.org</p>
<p>NATURAL LAW</p> 	<p>The Natural Law Party stands for problem-solving that is in tune with the natural movement of life, i.e. meditation as an alternative to war. This party believes that government is here to serve the people and not the other way around.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alternative to the two-party system • Educate people about the real issues • Involve common citizens in running the country <p>24,000 members in California* 760-888-9600 • www.natural-law.org</p>
<p>PEACE & FREEDOM</p> 	<p>The Peace and Freedom Party stands for a truly democratic society. Everyone should enjoy the wealth we all create. This party believes the role of government is to make sure that everyone has jobs, housing, education, health care and equal rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring all troops home now • Double the minimum wage • One system of free, quality health care for all <p>59,000 members in California* 510-465-9414 • www.peaceandfreedom.org</p>
<p>REPUBLICAN</p> 	<p>The Republican Party stands for helping every Californian realize the American Dream. This party believes the role of government is to provide a safe and secure environment so that families and businesses can flourish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality education for all children • Help businesses create jobs and economic growth • Protect children from predators <p>5,483,000 members in California* 818-841-5210 • www.cagop.org</p>