



# 2020 Presidential Primary Guide



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OKLAHOMA

# A MESSAGE FROM CAIR-OK'S GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR



Assalamu Alaikum and Greetings of Peace,

This 2020 Presidential Primary Guide was created with the Oklahoma Muslim community in mind, in order that you may have the tools and resources available to be an informed and confident voter in the upcoming primary election on March 3rd, and further into the November general election.

Special thanks to our intern Tracy Stewart for her hard work in compiling this information! This guide would not have been possible without her diligence and thorough research.

Please know, my door is always open and you can reach out to me directly for guidance, support, and encouragement as we explore ideas, research candidates and solutions to Oklahoma's biggest questions, and advocate together for our rights and the issues that are important to all Oklahomans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lani Habrock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Government Affairs Director  
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# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCESS

## **SUPER TUESDAY - March 3**

### **OK DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - March 3**

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- Last day to register to vote: February 7
- Early Voting
  - February 27 - 8am - 6 pm
  - February 28 - 8am - 6pm
  - February 29 - 9am - 2pm

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - November 3**

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- Last day to register to vote: October 9
- Last day to request absentee ballot - October 26
- Early Voting
  - October 29 - 8am - 6pm
  - October 30 - 8am - 6pm
  - October 31 - 9am - 2pm

### **SIMPLIFIED PROCESS**

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1. Forming an exploratory committee / political action committee
2. Filing with the FEC / official candidacy announcement
3. On the primary campaign trail / primary debates
4. Primaries / Caucuses
5. Democratic National Convention
6. Official election campaign
7. General election day
8. Electoral college meeting
9. Inauguration Day

### **CONSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

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- Any candidate must meet the following Constitutional requirements, as laid out in Article II of the Constitution
    - At least 35 years of age
    - 14 years residency in the United States
    - Natural born citizen - generally interpreted to mean you have to have been born in the United States to U.S. citizens
      - Questionable how this applies to Americans born overseas on U.S. military bases
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## PRE-CANDIDACY PERIOD

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- Roughly 18-24 months before the first presidential primaries, potential candidates begin forming exploratory committees and political action committees to test the waters for a potential presidential run.
  - This involves polling to see how popular a potential candidate would be in a general election
  - This also involves a money discussion, as candidates with deeper pockets can afford to spend more time exploring their committee and developing a media presence before officially announcing their candidacy
- Exploratory Committees are meant to determine the following:
  - Seriously consider the candidate's chances of becoming president
    - This process is generally more involved for all non-white male candidates
  - Suggest possible campaign themes and slogans
  - Write speeches and position papers for early campaign appearances
  - Seek endorsements from powerful individuals and groups
  - Recruit professional and volunteer staff
  - Being organizing state campaigns in key states
  - Hire pollsters and consultants
  - Develop media appeals
- This is also a key period for candidates to get a sense of the amount of money they will be able to raise for their campaign, or that they themselves are willing to spend on their campaign
  - For example - Bernie Sanders raised \$20.7 million in the first quarter of 2019; Michael Bloomberg has already spent \$200 million on advertising, having only entered the race in late November 2019

- Once candidates have filed the appropriate paperwork, they generally schedule a large public announcement to officially launch their campaign
- The Federal Election Commission (FEC) closely monitors how candidates raise and spend the money that is donated to their campaigns
  - Candidates are required to file quarterly financial reports with the FEC and these are public records, available for anyone to access
- For candidates that plan to spend their own money on their campaign, they can generally wait longer to officially announce their candidacy because much of their preparatory spending can generally be written off as other expenditures, and those financial records are not reported to the FEC or made available to the public

## CAMPAIGNING AND FUNDRAISING

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- Once candidates are officially on the campaign trail, they travel around the country giving speeches and attending events that are likely to increase their public profile and draw supporters to their campaign
- Candidates hold rallies in key early primary states, largely Iowa and New Hampshire, to gather as many supporters as they can in those early states
  - Iowa has always had the earliest primary in the country and almost every successful presidential campaign has had a significant presence in Iowa
- Candidates must also secure the support of delegates, who will support the candidate's nomination at the national party convention
- Candidates also seek to participate in the official Democratic Candidate Debates, which began in June 2019
  - The Democratic National Committee introduced a series of new requirements to qualify for the debates which have kept certain candidates from participating in any of the debates
  - Qualifications for the upcoming debate require a candidate to have reached at least 5% in a national poll or 7% in an early state poll, excluding Iowa (because they will have already voted)
  - Candidates who gain at least one convention delegate in the Iowa caucus will also qualify for the debate, regardless of meeting the polling requirement

## DECLARING CANDIDACY & FILING WITH THE FEC

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- A candidate must register with the FEC once they (or persons acting on your behalf) receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of \$5,000. Within 15 days of reaching that \$5,000 threshold, you must file a Statement of Candidacy authorizing a principal campaign committee to raise and spend funds on your behalf.
  - Within 10 days of that filing, your principal campaign committee must submit a Statement of Organization
  - The campaign must thereafter report its receipts and disbursements on a regular basis



## PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

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- Primary Election
  - Allows members of the public to help narrow the field of potential candidates for the upcoming general election
  - Only required participation is casting a ballot for the candidate of your choosing
- Caucus
  - Voters gather at a set location in one of the state's designated precincts
  - Participants (voters) indicate their support for a particular candidate by standing in a designated area of the caucus site; there is then a set period where participants can try to encourage other voters present to switch their vote a different candidate, in an attempt to gain the largest number of supporters
  - Every 30 minutes, the supporters for each candidate are counted to determine which candidates are still viable - this generally requires that candidates earn at least 15% of the eligible participants' votes
  - Voters for the inviable candidates can then choose another candidate, making the second vote often more important than the first
  - This process continues until only viable candidates remain and a final head count is conducted to apportion delegates based on the results of each precinct
  - Each precinct then selects delegates to attend a county convention, where the process occurs all over again; then a district convention and finally a state convention where the state's delegates are awarded to the chosen candidates
- Iowa holds the nation's earliest caucus, and New Hampshire holds the first primary each presidential election cycle
- Super Tuesday
  - Refers to the day when the greatest number of U.S states hold primary elections and caucuses
  - More delegates to the presidential nominating conventions can be won on Super Tuesday than on any other single day
  - Candidates must do well on this day to help secure their party's nomination

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION & OFFICIAL NOMINATION

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- At the Democratic National Convention, delegates are pledged to the various candidates until one candidate reaches a simple majority
  - They are then officially nominated as the official Democratic candidate for President, to debate President Trump and appear on the general ballot in November
- Delegates are awarded using a proportional representation system; this means that a candidate who win's 40% of a state's vote in the primary election will win 40% of that state's delegates
  - A candidate must win at least 15% of the primary vote in order to receive any delegates
- Superdelegates are elected Democratic officials who can pledge their vote to whomever they choose
- The candidate that gains a majority of the available delegates will be awarded the nomination
- Delegates are expected to vote the same way as their constituents; however, they are not required to vote that way; some delegates to choose to change their vote at the convention
- After the nominee is announced, the official election campaign begins

## ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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- The democratic candidate begins directly debating and challenging President Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee
- There are generally a series of televised debates between the Republican and Democratic nominees, usually between the months of August and October
- Running mates are generally chosen at the national conventions for each party; the incumbent president will generally keep their Vice President unless there has been a resignation or a specific need for a change; Democrats tend to choose their running mates before the convention, only where there is a clear frontrunner going into the convention
  - The running mate for the Democratic nominee will likely come from within the large pool of candidates for the official nomination
- Running mates are chosen to complement the platform of the nominee, and also to help broaden electoral appeal
  - President Obama chose Joe Biden to appeal to a wider swatch of candidates
- This is also the time when both nominees will seek high-profile endorsements to boost their public image
  - Generally, nominees seek endorsements from other high-ranking political figures and well-known people, including former presidents and celebrities
- Nominees generally host large fundraisers where they can draw on all of the party's supporters since there is only one candidate to support
- This is a period when the most television advertisements will be broadcast nationally, as they are run by both the candidate and their party's national committee
  - Print ads and internet ads on social media site are also everywhere during this time

## GENERAL ELECTION

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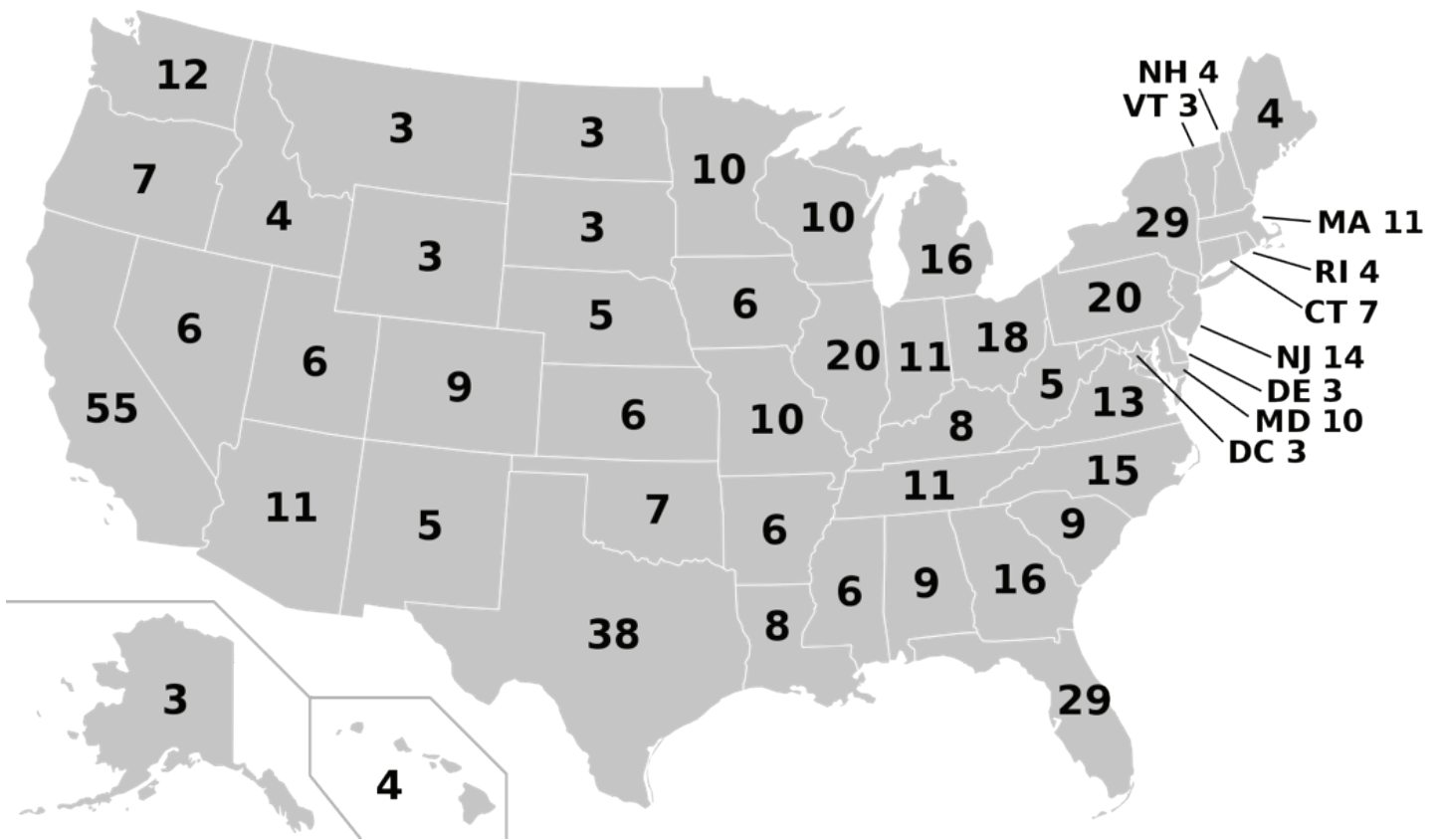
- All eligible voters can cast their vote for president on the first Tuesday after November 1
- The popular vote is not the deciding factor on who will win the presidency, as was seen in the 2000 election of George W. Bush and the 2016 election of Donald Trump
  - Both candidates lost the popular vote but won the presidency thanks to the electoral college

- Most states allow early voting and absentee voting, to encourage the largest number of people possible to vote for their presidential candidate
- When people cast their vote for president, they are actually voting for an elector, who will then represent them in the meeting of the electoral college

## ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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- The electoral college meets on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December
- Members of the electoral college are individuals who are active in their party -
  - Members are pledged to vote for one of the candidates based on the popular vote in their state; they are not required by law to vote for their pledged candidate, but they always do in fact
- In order to win the presidency, a candidate must earn 270 votes in the electoral college
- States are assigned electoral votes based on the number of senators and representatives each state has in Congress - there are thus 535 electors, plus 3 from the District of Columbia for a total of 538
  - 435 members of Congress, plus 100 members of the Senate and 3 electors for D.C.
- In all but two states, the nominee that wins a plurality of the votes wins all of that state's electors
  - Maine and Nebraska are the only exceptions, and they award electoral votes based on the highest vote getter in each congressional district
- If no candidate receives a majority in the election, then the president is chosen from one of the top three vote-winners by the House of Representatives
- When Congress convenes in January, senators and representatives gather for a joint congressional session and the official results are announced from all 50 states
- Swing states
  - Battleground states that can reasonably be won by either the Democratic or Republican candidates
  - These are popular states for candidates to campaign in because winning enough swing states can generally put a candidate over the top for the 270 electoral votes required to win.



### INTERIM/LAME-DUCK PERIOD

- Assuming the newly elected president is not the incumbent, the period between election day and inauguration day is known as the “lame duck period”
- This is a time when the president-elect is selecting who will serve in their cabinet and beginning to staff the various agencies that fall under the purview of the Executive branch
- The outgoing president uses this time to wrap up any pending legislation or projects and generally focuses on planning for their life after the presidency

### INAUGURATION DAY

- The newly elected president is sworn into office at noon on January 20 following the election
- The chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court swears in the president and the vice president before members of Congress and other government dignitaries
- The outgoing president generally attends the ceremony before leaving on Air Force One to return to their home state

# DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



## Website

[joebiden.com](http://joebiden.com)

## Joe Biden

Joe Biden served as the 47th Vice President of the United States from 2009-2017. As vice president, Biden oversaw infrastructure spending aimed at counteracting the recession and helped formulate U.S. policy toward Iraq. He also spearheaded President Obama's "Cancer Moonshot," with the goal of making a decade's worth of advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in five years. Before his time in the Obama administration, Biden served in the Senate from 1973-2009 where he represented Delaware and was the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary and Foreign Relations Committees. Biden received his B.A. from the University of Delaware and graduated with his J.D. from Syracuse University. Joe and his first wife Neilia had three children together, however Neilia and their daughter were killed in a car accident in 1972. Joe and his wife Jill have one daughter together and live in Wilmington, Delaware.

## PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **REBUILDING AND PRESERVING A SOLID MIDDLE CLASS**
- **HEALTH CARE**
  - Offer a Medicare public option to diversify health care choices
- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
  - Achieve net-zero emissions by 2050
- **EDUCATION**
  - Increase federal education spending and work on gun safety regulations to fund and protect school



## Website

[www.mikebloomberg.com](http://www.mikebloomberg.com)

## Michael Bloomberg

Mike Bloomberg serves as Mayor of New York City from 2002-2013, where he drove down crime to record lows, spurred economic growth that led to the creation of 400,000 new jobs, introduced anti-poverty programs, and made major investments in new mass transit and other critical infrastructure. Prior to serving as mayor, Bloomberg started his career on Wall Street, until he was laid off and ventured out on his own, starting a company to connect users in the financial community to a network of information and data via desktop terminal. This company became Bloomberg LP and helped make him one of the richest men in the world. He then channeled that money into Bloomberg Philanthropies, investing in education and the environment, and founded Everytown for Gun Safety. Bloomberg got his B.A. from Johns Hopkins and M.B.A. from Harvard. Mike has two daughters from his first marriage and lives in New York City with his partner Diana.

## PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **GUN CONTROL**
- **ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**





## Pete Buttigieg

Pete Buttigieg currently serves as the mayor of South Bend, Indiana. He was first elected in 2011 at age 29, and won re-election in 2015. During his first term, he was deployed to Afghanistan as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve, where he served as a lieutenant for seven months. As mayor of South Bend, he worked to improve the average household income, decrease poverty and cut unemployment in half. Buttigieg is the first openly gay Democratic presidential candidate. Before becoming mayor, Buttigieg worked as a consultant at McKinsey and Company, a worldwide management consulting firm. Buttigieg received his B.A. from Harvard University and was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, receiving his M.A. from Oxford. Pete and his husband Chasten live together in South Bend.

### Website

[peteforamerica.com](http://peteforamerica.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **DEMOCRACY REFORM**
  - Replace the electoral college with a national popular vote
  - Restructure the Supreme Court
- **FOREIGN POLICY**
  - Establish a new and higher standard for the deployment of U.S. military force
- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
  - Rejoin the Paris Agreement and implement a Green New Deal, including direct clean energy investment



## Tulsi Gabbard

Tulsi Gabbard serves in the House of Representatives for Hawaii's 2nd congressional district. She was elected in 2012, becoming the first Samoan-American and first Hindu member of Congress. She has served for seven years on the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Homeland Security Committees, where she's been intimately involved with sensitive, national security issues. Gabbard served in Iraq for the Hawaii National Guard from 2004-2005. She became the youngest woman elected to a state legislature at 21. She received her undergraduate degree from Hawaii Pacific University. Tulsi and her husband Abraham live in Honolulu.

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **HEALTH CARE**
  - Medicare for All
- **EDUCATION**
  - Make community college tuition-free and four-year public colleges tuition-free for some families
- **MILITARY**
  - Reduce military presence in the Middle East and end the war in Afghanistan

### Website

[www.tulsi2020.com](http://www.tulsi2020.com)



## Amy Klobuchar

Amy Klobuchar is Minnesota's senior Senator. She was elected in 2006, becoming the first woman ever elected Senator in the state. In the Senate, Klobuchar is leading the fight to allow Medicare to negotiate for cheaper prescription drugs for seniors and to bring in safe, affordable drugs from Canada. She has worked to pass three Farm Bills to strengthen America's rural economy and give farmers the certainty and support they need. Prior to her time in the Senate, Klobuchar was elected as the attorney for Minnesota's Hennepin County, and was a partner at two Minneapolis law firms. She graduated from Yale and went to law school at the University of Chicago. Amy and her husband John have one child and live in Minnesota.

### Website

[amyklobuchar.com](http://amyklobuchar.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **HEALTH CARE**
  - Implement universal health care
  - Bring down the prices of prescription drugs
  - Enable strong mental health care
- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
  - Investment in clean-energy infrastructure
- **INFRASTRUCTURE**
  - Improve America's infrastructure with a trillion-dollar investment



## Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders is the junior Senator from Vermont, and was first elected to the Senate in 2007. Prior to serving in the Senate, Sanders served in the House of Representatives for Vermont's at-large congressional district from 1991-2007, and was a mayor of Burlington, Vermont from 1981-1989. In Congress, Sanders fought for working families, focusing on the shrinking middle class and the growing gap between the rich and everyone else. He was responsible for passing more amendments during his time in the House of Representatives than any other member of Congress. He served as the Democratic caucus' ranking member on the Senate Budget Committee. Bernie got his B.A. from the University of Chicago. He lives in Vermont with his wife Jane. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

### Website

[berniesanders.com](http://berniesanders.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **INCOME INEQUALITY**
  - Raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and a job guarantee
- **HEALTH CARE**
  - Single-payer, Medicare for All program
- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
  - Green New Deal and invest in climate-responsible infrastructure



## Tom Steyer

Tom Steyer is a billionaire investor, activist, and donor to progressive causes who has pledged to spend \$100 million of his own money on his presidential race. Steyer managed his own hedge fund until 2012, when he left to start political advocacy groups like NextGen America and Democracy Alliance, focusing on issues like climate change. Before his candidacy announcement, Steyer spent millions on an ad campaign called “Need to Impeach” to promote Donald Trump’s impeachment. Steyer is also one of the high-profile signers of the Giving Pledge, created by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett, which involves a commitment to give away the bulk of his personal fortune during his lifetime. Steyer got his B.A. at Yale and his M.B.A. at Stanford. Tom and his wife Kathy live in San Francisco. They have four children together.

### Website

[tomsteyer.com](http://tomsteyer.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **PLATFORM ISSUES**
  - End the influence of corporate money on our democracy
- **COMBATTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS**
  - Implement a justice-centered climate plan that includes declaring a national emergency on day one
- **DEMOCRACY REFORM**
  - Institute 12-year Congressional term limits
  - Make it easier to vote by passing policies like a vote-at-home program



## Elizabeth Warren

Elizabeth Warren is the senior Senator from Massachusetts. Before she arrived in the Senate, Warren was the chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel during the 2008 financial crisis, and was appointed by President Obama to build the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from the ground up. Warren was also a law professor at Harvard and other law schools for over three decades. She is considered to be one of the nation’s top experts on the financial pressures facing middle class families. She received her B.S. from the University of Houston and got her law degree at Rutgers Law School. Elizabeth and her husband Bruce have been married for 38 years. They have three grandchildren and a golden retriever named Bailey.

### Website

[elizabethwarren.com](http://elizabethwarren.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **INCOME INEQUALITY**
  - “Ultramillionaire” tax on fortunes over \$50 million to generate revenue for public service programs
- **COLLEGE DEBT REFORM**
  - Debt relief up to \$50,000 to families making less than \$100,000 and making public college free for all
- **AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE**
  - Expand childcare access with subsidized grants to childcare facilities, schools, cities and states

# REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



## Roque Rocky De La Fuente

### Website

[rocky101.com](http://rocky101.com)

Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente is living proof that the American Dream can be achieved by those who are inspired to pursue it. Rocky was born in 1945 in San Diego, California. His parents, Roque and Bertha, instilled the deep sense of responsibility toward others that Rocky still holds so dear. This message of “service to others” was reinforced by the Carmelites of the Sacred Heart, The Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Dominican Pillars, Legionaries of Christ, Maris and Jesuits, who provided his education during his formative years. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Physics and Mathematics from Instituto Patria and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then studied Business Administration / Accounting at Anáhuac University and the University of San Diego. \On January 29, 2016, Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from UNESCO, the Institute of Advanced Studies Foundation Le Franc and CONALMEX, for being an outstanding international business ambassador with a phenomenal track record, Rocky’s studies in Mexico and the United States taught him to appreciate cultural differences.

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

#### • HEALTHCARE

- o Lower cost
- o Maintain or improve quality
- o Open access

#### • IMMIGRATION

- o Comprehensive immigration reform that views undocumented workers as assets rather than liabilities.

#### JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

- o Push for federal legislation to repair and replace infrastructure (including transportation-related projects and utility-related projects involving the electrical grid, potable water, and sewage systems, etc.)

#### EDUCATION

- o Fund college and trade school education to allow everyone to have access to those resources.

#### ENVIRONMENT

- o Preserve the environment to the degree that we reasonably can.





## Bob Ely

Robert Moulton “Bob” Ely (born 1958) is an American entrepreneur and former investment banker. Ely was born in Connecticut in 1958 to Harriet and John Ingraham Ely. His mother, the daughter of the New Haven Register and Journal Courier owner John Day Jackson was also a newspaper owner. Ely’s father was a lawyer and partner at the firm Wiggin & Dana. Ely attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study engineering, but transferred to Yale University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1980. After graduating from Yale, Ely moved to Chicago, Illinois. He was initially unemployed, but found work with Nuveen Investments. For an 18-year period as an investment banker, he also worked at Merrill Lynch and served as managing director at Dillon, Read & Co., which was later taken over by UBS. In 2000, Ely left the banking industry and became an entrepreneur and private investor. That year, he worked as a consultant and acting president for SeafoodAlliance, LLC until 2001, when he founded the M&M Investors Firm with Michael C. Morton, and became interim CEO for PayDQ Services. In 2010, Ely purchased the weekly community newspaper, The Canton Press-News Journal of Canton, Missouri with partner Phil Calian.

### Website

[www.lwa2020.com](http://www.lwa2020.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **STOP ROBOCALLS**
- **HEALTH CARE**
  - \$4,500 subsidy for each citizen lacking health insurance
- **LIVING WAGE**
  - Government subsidizing of private businesses to pay workers \$15/hr wages



## Zoltan G. Istvan

Born in California, Zoltan is an Ivy-league educated man yearning to use science, technology, and reason to dramatically remake humanity. Over the last few years, Zoltan has consulted for the US Navy and the Government of Dubai as a futurist, interviewed to be Libertarian Gary Johnson’s Vice President, appeared on the Joe Rogan Experience (and dozens of other shows), and gave many speeches, including at Microsoft, the Global Leaders Forum, Congreso Futuro, and the Financial Times Camp Alphaville (opening Keynote). Zoltan was the only presidential candidate to be interviewed by underground mega-group Anonymous. His award-winning 2013 novel *The Transhumanist Wager* was a #1 bestseller in Philosophy and also a top 5 Amazon book. It’s been compared in reviews to Ayn Rand’s work over 1000 times. Zoltan is the founder of the Transhumanist Party, the author the Transhumanist Bill of Rights, and a frequently interviewed expert on AI and genetic editing. Before becoming a futurist, he was a journalist for the National Geographic Channel (often an on-camera reporter) and The New York Times Syndicate. Zoltan has traveled to over 100 countries, and has a degree in Philosophy and Religion from Columbia University. He frequently writes articles for The New York Times, Newsweek, Vice, Wired, HuffPost, TechCrunch, and other major media. He was an endorsed libertarian candidate for California Governor 2018 before being knocked out of the race in the June 5, 2018 statewide primaries.

### Website

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### PLATFORM ISSUES:

- **UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME**
- **CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION TO ACCOMMODATE TECHNOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES**
- **END THE IRS**
  - Phase Out the Income Tax with a National Sales Tax





## Matthew John Matern

Matt stands for and champions America At Her Best. He appreciates America's history and sees a future for America built on fundamental fairness to citizens and allies, fiscal and personal responsibility, and international cooperation. He is deeply passionate about environmental issues and wants to protect our country and its citizens in the current climate crisis. Matt believes the Republican Party of 2020 needs to refocus on these values, principles, and issues. He has forged lifelong friendships with the people he has been blessed to represent. Matt is proud of the mutual respect he has developed with opposing counsel and judges. And Matt is proud to have always treated his role as an employer as one of great responsibility for the team of deeply committed attorneys and staff across multiple offices in California.

### Website

[matern2020.com](http://matern2020.com)

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

#### • LIVE FREE TAX PLAN

- o Untax the first \$50K for Individuals and the first \$100K for families
- o Reduce the complexity of the tax code and the size of the IRS

#### • HEALTHCARE

- o Focus on prevention and cures, rather than just treatment.
- o Reduce taxes for people who make responsible health choices.

#### IMMIGRATION

- o Acknowledge and celebrate the legal immigrants who positively enrich our economy and our society
- o Provide a fast track for immigration that fills our labor shortages
- o Provide a pathway to legal status and citizenship for Dreamers
- o Treat refugees and asylum seekers with dignity

#### ENVIRONMENT

- o Enact and support policies that conserve our natural resources and protect our environment
- o Incentivize carbon reduction with tax credits
- o Collaborate with, negotiate with, and if necessary impose tariffs on manufactured goods imported from nations like China and India who fail to abide by environmental regulations necessary to address climate change
- o Focus on renewable energy sources



## Donald J. Trump

Donald J. Trump is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, President Trump has always dreamed big and pushed the boundaries of what is possible his entire career, devoting his life to building business, jobs and the American Dream. Trump was elected President in November 2016 in the largest electoral college landslide for a Republican in 28 years. President Trump is working hard to implement his 'America First' platform, continuing his promise to the American people to lower taxes, repeal and replace Obamacare, end stifling regulations, protect our borders, keep jobs in our country, take care of our veterans, strengthen our military and law enforcement, and renegotiate bad trade deals, creating a government of, by and for the people.

### PLATFORM ISSUES:

#### • IMMIGRATION

- o Building or expanding a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico
- o Expansion of the Muslim Ban
- o Changes and reductions to asylum and refugee visa programs

#### • TAXES

- o Income tax cuts
- o reduction of taxes on businesses and corporations
- o narrowing the scope of tax remedies available to families and homeowners
- o Limiting federal spending on the social welfare programs by adding new cost factors and eligibility requirements

#### MILITARY

- o Increased military spending

#### HEALTHCARE

- o Rollbacks of federal health-care protections

#### SUPREME COURT

- o The appointment of conservative judges consistent with conservative policies

#### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- o Promulgating new rules that reduce regulations and standards for air and water pollution
- o Increasing investment in fossil fuel use and production

#### WELFARE

- o Limiting federal spending on social welfare programs



## Joe Walsh

Joe Walsh has ended his Presidential campaign, however his name will still appear on the ballot given that they were finalized before he announced his withdrawal.



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