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2018 General Election Democratic Candidates

Congress

District 48: [Harley Rouda](#)

Bio: **Harley Rouda is a successful businessman, philanthropist, attorney, and tech entrepreneur. He's had diverse and extensive success in companies of all sizes and scopes, from his family business to startups to publicly traded companies.**

[Read more about what motivated Harley to run for Congress »](#)

The youngest of four, Harley practiced law with one of **the country's largest law firms before joining his family's real estate business and building it into one of the country's largest firms. He is an entrepreneur,** working with cutting edge tech companies such as Stuffster, an app company that helps people put more money in their pockets and less trash in landfills by creating an easy way to resell unused belongings; Grayl, a company that has created an easy-to-use, portable water filter that reduces the need for environmentally harmful plastic water bottles; and Realstir, a website that puts more decision-making power in the hands of people looking to buy a home. Harley is proud to have worked with companies that **make people's lives better.**

Harley received his MBA from The Ohio State University, and his J.D. from Capital University Law School. Active in numerous charities and civic organizations over the years, Harley has been involved in fighting homelessness, domestic violence, and human rights offenders; supporting education for the disadvantaged as well as supporting access to higher education; saving military jobs; and working with a myriad of civic organizations and businesses to drive economic development.

Harley lives in Laguna Beach and is married to the award winning author, Kaira Sturdivant Rouda. They have four kids who constantly amaze them, who are each accomplished in their own ways, and always remind them to enjoy the journey.

District 45: [Katie Porter](#)

Bio: As a Consumer Protection Attorney, Katie Porter has spent nearly twenty years fighting powerful interests and Wall Street banks on behalf of consumers and families. **She's a national leader in consumer protection and has won big victories against financial institutions who cheat consumers.**

Before the housing bubble burst, Katie was one of the first to sound the alarm about Wall Street's predatory practices targeting homeowners, winning recognition from the New York Times and many others.

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In 2012, then California Attorney General Kamala Harris appointed Katie to be California's watchdog against the banks. The banks had promised to pay billions to homeowners they cheated, and Harris appointed Katie to make sure the banks followed through. Katie and her team held the banks' feet to the fire, securing over \$18 billion and helping tens of thousands of families move forward with their lives.

As an advocate, Katie has sought reforms that help families get a fair shake in our economy. She has been a key player in the fight against abusive credit card fees and, in 2010, helped pass important federal credit card protections for families. Katie has collaborated extensively with Elizabeth Warren, her former law school professor, in efforts to stop powerful financial institutions from ripping off consumers. She has written three books that document how Washington special interests skew our laws and cut off the legal rights of families who play by the rules.

Katie's greatest joy is being a mom to her three children. They live in Irvine, where she is a long-time Cubmaster in her sons' cub scout pack. Katie is a tenured Professor of Law at University of California Irvine and teaches consumer law.

District 49: [Mike Levin](#)

Bio: For the last two decades, Mike has been involved in a variety of local, state and federal political campaigns and community organizations. Now, he wants to be your champion in Washington.

Mike was raised in South Orange County, where he attended public elementary and junior high schools. Mike spent his high school years in Los Angeles at Loyola High and then went to Stanford University, where he was honored to serve as student body president. After college, Mike served in the Coro Fellows Program and then attended Duke University School of Law. After law school, 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.

Mike is a passionate believer in clean energy and has over a decade of experience in the industry, helping to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable power generation and transportation options. Mike 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. For his work in clean energy, Mike was named to the *OC METRO* 40 under 40. On top of championing environmental policies, Mike will fight for Medicare for All, affordable higher education, preventing gun violence, protecting Social Security, a woman's right to choose, and a \$15 federal minimum wage.

Mike lives in San Juan Capistrano with his wife, Chrissy, a graduate of the University of Arizona and Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and their two children, ages 5 and 4.

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State Assembly

AD 74: [Cottie Petrie-Norris](#)

Bio: I am a business and community leader, a wife and a mother. I care deeply about the future of my children and all of our children – and in the State Assembly, I will work with you to support and protect our community.

I grew up in San Diego County in a hard-working family. My stepfather was a union machinist and my mom was a homemaker who worked various odd jobs to help make ends meet.

I am a proud product of Southern California public schools. Even though I didn't live in a community with a lot of resources, I went to a good public high school and had some wonderful teachers. They encouraged me to see a bigger world and to envision a bigger future for myself.

Growing up, I set my sights high and I worked hard. I received scholarships, took out student loans and worked part-time jobs in order to attend Yale University, where I double-majored in English and Economics. After college, I have enjoyed a 20-year career in finance and marketing. I have built businesses and led teams at Fortune 500 corporations, small companies and start-ups. **In the business world, I've demonstrated my ability to tackle tough problems with strategic vision and pragmatic action. I've lived and worked in** Washington DC, South Africa, London and – for the past 5 years – back here in Southern California.

I live in Laguna Beach with my family – my husband Colin, our two sons Dylan & Hayden and our rescue dog Flounder. In my community, I serve on the board of the Laguna Beach Democratic Club and the Laguna Beach City Housing and Human Services Committee. I sit on the advisory board of WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics) and am a founding member of the 48th District Action Council.

AD 73: [Scott Rhinehart](#)

Bio: My father was a union coal miner and helped to organize for the United Mine Workers. My mother, **besides taking care of nine kids, was my dad's rock and our family's heart. From them, I learned to respect** the dignity of each individual and to raise my voice against injustice in all its forms.

I am the product of the public school system. It is an education that has served me well throughout my personal and business life. The teachers and professors who touched my life were some of the most committed and generous people I have ever known. Their collective lessons inform my life each and every day.

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From my early years as a Mental Health Worker to my experiences as a Human Resources Officer, and from my time as a Facilitator of training and development programs to my role as Broker/Owner of a real estate firm...**one thing has remained constant: I believe in the Individual's right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.**

I will take these values with me to Sacramento, as your voice in the California State Assembly.

AD 72: [Josh Lowenthal](#)

Bio: Growing up and working throughout the world, launching and growing multiple business ventures, volunteering in his community, and raising three children has exposed Josh Lowenthal **to life's challenges**, and taught him many things. Foremost among them is that creative solutions are born not from recycled ideas but from broad experience, collaboration, a willingness to embrace innovation, and that standing up for yourself, and others, is a crucial public responsibility.

Despite coming from a family of elected officials, Josh trailblazed his own path as an entrepreneur, consumer advocate, and business owner. With a long, successful track record in tech and telecom startups, Josh has traveled to nearly 100 countries around the world to understand consumer needs across variable markets to grow his businesses. Now, as President of FreeConferenceCall.com, Josh increased the revenue of the business tenfold and expanded it to 70 countries around the world, where the service is enjoyed by over 40 million callers monthly.

It is significant to note that Josh has achieved these results despite the repeated and egregious attempts of **giant corporations to stamp out FreeConferenceCall.com's disruptive** business model and its embrace of consumers. In standing up to these corporations and their attacks he makes free application access for small businesses a priority – a policy he wants to carry over into the legislature, where he will be a champion for consumer rights, privacy, good and open government, and against the corrosive corporate interests in our capitol.

Josh wants to bring his broad experience to our state legislature. Like all of us, Josh is weary of the partisan bickering that only hurts our state and communities. He wants to utilize the **problem-solving skills he's** learned in his long business career to government: consensus-building and collaboration, firm resolve in standing up to special interests, and the merit of creative solutions to move us all forward.

Josh also knows that **we shouldn't rely on government to fix all of society's problems, and that's why** as Board President of Children Today he raised millions of dollars to help homeless children find stability in their lives, get access to vital fully accredited early education, and have enough support to transcend the challenges they face in their early lives.

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With three young daughters (two in local public schools), Josh not only understands the urgency of taking action, but the **exponential positive effect every success will have on our children's future. That's why he is** passionate about protecting our coast and open space, improving our schools, and working to ensure that at-risk children have the resources and support they need to succeed.

Josh Lowenthal lives in Huntington Beach with his wife and three children.

City Councils

Aliso Viejo: [Tiffany Ackley](#)

My name is Tiffany Ackley, and I'm excited to run for Aliso Viejo City Council. Why am I running? The answer is simple. I love Aliso Viejo and I want to help keep it safe, clean and prosperous. For You and With You.

I grew up in South Orange County, and my family moved to Aliso Viejo in 2009, so we could settle down. Through the past eight years, **I have come to understand Aliso Viejo's unique attributes that make it a** wonderful place to live.

I am running for Aliso Viejo City Council because I want to ensure our city is run efficiently and with an eye towards the future. Smart growth, investment in school aged programs, holding our council to high ethical standards, and continued excellence in public safety are some of the issues I will address as a council person. As an attorney I have spent the last decade of my life defending cities. This has afforded me the opportunity to learn what it takes to make a city run smoothly and efficiently. I hold a Masters of Business Administration, **which gives me an appreciation of business environments. I've also served on my HOA board for the past** several years, including serving as treasurer and president. Essentially, I have spent my career helping my community and clients.

I consider myself a well-rounded candidate having been an attorney, an HOA board president, a consultant, a teacher, a student, a community volunteer, a sister, and a mother. All of these experiences have prepared me to serve on the Aliso Viejo City Council, where I can bring my unique skill set to tackle the challenges **ahead of us. That's what leadership is all about.**

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Costa Mesa: [Katrina Foley](#)

Bio: On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Katrina Foley was appointed as the new mayor and Sandra Genis as the new mayor pro-tem. As the Mayor of Costa Mesa, Foley led the council with a goal of restoring civility during the meetings, including all voices in the public discussions, launching listening tours in our town, working toward unanimous decisions that consider a diverse council, working to restore our depleted police and fire department staffing so we can protect our residents and neighborhoods, and lobbying Sacramento and the County to address the impacts and abuses of bad neighbor recovery homes and our homeless crisis.

Katrina was elected to the Costa Mesa City Council in November, 2014, receiving the most votes of all candidates. She previously served the public on the Newport Mesa Unified School District Board of Trustees from November 2010 to November 2014. **Katrina's focus is on making Costa Mesa better for families.** She has two school age boys and is married to Casey Swanson, a local teacher.

Katrina currently serves as the school board Legislative Representative and liaison to the Newport Mesa Arts Commission, Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and the Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council. As a City Council member from November 2004 to November 2008, Katrina served as the Chair to the Redevelopment Agency and City Council liaison to the following: OC Fair, Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Youth in Government Program, Child Care amp; Youth Services Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, and Santa Ana River Trail Blue Ribbon Committee.

Katrina also served her community as Chair of the Orange Coast College President Search Committee, and has previously served as Chair of the Coast Community College Citizens Oversight Committee, a Trustee for the Vector Control Board, and Council representative for the Advisory Counsel to the Orange County Great **Park. Prior to her election to city council, she served on the city's Planning Commission for more than five** years, as a member of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Measure A Oversight Committee, and the Costa Mesa Human Relations Committee.

Katrina also volunteers her time on several non-profit boards. She is the new President for the Costa Mesa High School Foundation, and Academics Director for the Costa Mesa Football Boosters. She was a Director and Secretary for the Costa Mesa Community Athletic Foundation and President of the recently formed National Scholastic Skateboarding League. She has also served as a Director for four county-wide non-profit boards: the Girl Scouts, the Orange County Women Lawyers Association, the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, and Orange County HeadStart. Katrina is a member of the Hispanic and Celtic Bar Associations, and has volunteered her time for numerous civic organizations including Pediatric Cancer Research, TH Hoops, Costa Mesa Pop Warner, the Costa Mesa High School and Sonora Elementary School PTAs, where she is a past President and Honorary Service Award Recipient.

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Costa Mesa: [Andrea Marr](#)

Bio: Andrea Marr is a Naval Academy graduate, Navy veteran, professional engineer and renewable energy expert. She has lived in Costa Mesa since 2012 and currently serves as the Chair of the Cultural Arts Committee. She and her husband live in Fairview Village, adjacent to the OC Fairgrounds. Andrea has long been committed to public service and will be a strong advocate for District 3 on City Council!

Costa Mesa: [Manuel Chavez](#)

Bio: Growing up in Westside Costa Mesa, I attended our local public schools, including Pomona, Rea, **Twinkle, and Estancia High School. I've had the support of many family, friends, and mentors in our community.** I am running for City Council to invest in Westside Costa Mesa. **It's time for us to have a City Council Member standing up for Westside families and our children in District 4.**

A lifelong resident of the Westside, I grew up attending our local public schools, including Pomona, Rea, Tewinkle, & Estancia High School. After Estancia, I was fortunate enough to go on to UC Irvine to earn a degree political science. Now I work to give back to the community that raised me with the belief that anything was possible, for me, my sister, or anyone else.

I will fight to invest in the Westside community so that every kid can grow up to succeed under transparent and accountable city leadership.

Growing up, I remember seeing many changes in my neighborhood, and a lack of input from the community in the direction of our city. The neighboring apartment complexes where I grew up were **torn down and replaced by new buildings I knew my neighbors wouldn't be able to afford. One by one, the people in those complexes were pushed out, either by a high rent increase or eviction. This affected me, and I remember being a disillusioned 8th grader who didn't believe I belonged in Costa Mesa, let alone what community would be gone next, or what it meant to afford a roof over your head.**

Costa Mesa: [Arlis Reynolds](#)

Bio: A graduate of Costa Mesa public schools and M.I.T, Arlis is a clean-energy engineer and advocate for open space.

Arlis serves as Vice Chair of Costa Mesa's Parks and Recreation Commission and has worked to protect Banning Ranch and Fairview Park.

The daughter of two public school teachers, Arlis believes in the powers of education, data-driven decision-making, community service, and kindness.

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County Level Positions

Superintendent of Schools: [Tony K. Thurmond](#)

Sheriff: [Duke Nguyen](#)

Bio: My family came to Orange County as refugees to find the American dream. My father, was an officer in the South Vietnamese military. He was held as a prisoner of war for five years. During which my mother gave birth to me. After his eventual release, we were sent to Malaysia, where we spent two years as refugees in Malaysia. In 1981, we were admitted to the United States. I have been in Orange County ever since. In 1990, I graduated Saddleback High School, and attended California State University Long Beach, where I received my degree in Administrative Criminal Justice. I am an immigrant, a lifelong resident of Orange County, a Husband and a Father, an American.

My candidacy for OC Sheriff is about making the Sheriff's department work for all the diverse residents of our great county. I want to revitalize an old, and archaic system and evolve it into something that works for our community, not against it. This campaign is about taking a step forward, and acting in the name of progress. I will not sit back while our communities face systemic corruption, racism, and disenfranchisement of those whom are most ill prepared to help themselves.

I have over 26 years of law enforcement experience. From 1992, where I began at the Santa Ana Police department, to today where I now work **with the LA district attorney's office in the Justice System Integrity Division (JSID)**. In my days as a patrol officer I spent time in the roughest parts of our communities, combating violent crime and working to change an imbalanced system. The past decade, I investigated a different, but no less destructive, brand of crime -- government corruption, the misuse usage of funds, bribery and money laundering. My experience identifying fraud and corruption within the city government is what drove me to become a humble candidate for Orange County sheriff.

During the day, I am a detective working to investigate officer involved shootings. At home, I am married to my beautiful wife Laura. I have two wonderful children, Kaycee who is 11 and Devon who is 10. In my spare time; I enjoy cooking, traveling, bike riding, and spending time with my family. I look forward to continuing to serving the community and creating a transparent partnership for the future. I am Duke Nguyen and I am seeking election as the next Sheriff of Orange County to make sure that every single the family in our community receives the most professional level of policing.

Duke and his wife, Laura, live in North Tustin and are the proud parents to two children.

County Board of Education Area 2: [David Boyd](#)

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