

2019 CNP Leadership Candidate Statements

Michael Loeb: Candidate for Chair

My name is Michael Loeb and I am running for Chair of the CNP because I believe in California. I believe in our potential, our abilities, and our future, provided that we are wise enough to recognize that only by joining together as Californians, and by developing a party that works on our behalf, can we seriously and successfully address the issues that face us all.

I was born in Alameda County, as were my parents. My mother's family were immigrants from southern China while my father's arrived at the turn of the last century. Through several generations, we have remained in the only home we've ever known. All my education was within the California public system, and I have earned degrees from City College of San Francisco, UC Berkeley, and San Francisco State University, where I now lecture in the Department of Political Science. Since my youth, my primary identity has been Californian.

In my previous position as Local Chapter Coordinator for Northern California, I worked with members in the formation of several new chapters, including our first campus groups, and I expect the party to continue this growth. In the next year we will develop our 2020 platform, begin recruiting candidates for local office, and expand our community involvement and volunteering so that we can begin making the lives of Californians better today. Ultimately, however, the strength of the California National Party comes from its members, and my primary goal is to help develop a CNP in which all of us can contribute to building a new California.

As one who has lived, been educated, and worked here, I am thoroughly aware of the need for a party whose primary purpose is to focus specifically on the myriad issues that face us as Californians in this uncertain time. It is my hope as Chair to work with all party members to develop an organization that is open and accepting of those whose goal is the betterment of our shared home and united people. To truly be the California National Party means to represent our shared interests and to work for a government that is responsive to our needs, rural and urban, north and south, inland and coastal, with outreach to historically underserved groups, such as the young, rural Californians, immigrants, and minority communities, ethnic and sexual. We are a diverse and complex nation, and only by recognizing and respecting this can we produce real solutions.

Manuel Carrasco: Candidate for Vice Chair

No candidate statement was submitted.

Yvonne Hargrove: Candidate for Secretary

My name is Yvonne, and I am excited to be considered for re-election as secretary of the California National Party!

I am originally from Alabama, but I moved to San Francisco sight unseen 21 years ago, at the height of the first Dot Com boom. I stayed in San Francisco for 20 years, despite the most expensive housing market in the country - because I fell in love with California. Although I relocated to Sacramento last year, I continue to try and make the world a better place by working in the nonprofit sector, which I have been doing for the last 16 years.

What makes me love California is the true sense of freedom I feel here. As opposed to many other places, California offers me the opportunity to be who I really am - and for you to be who you really are. Sexual orientation and gender identity, the freedom to practice religions that are marginalized in the US, and bodily autonomy on such issues as such as use of medical marijuana, the right to die, and the right to choose are acknowledged here. California has a culture that is open to differences. Despite the fact that we receive only 78 cents in return for every dollar of federal taxes we pay, I would still rather pay taxes here than in any other state. California represents my values: Equality, Inclusion, Dignity, and the desire for Justice.

As your secretary I have welcomed volunteers who are interested in the party, helped to distribute minutes following Leadership Committee meetings, and participated in the recent re-design of the CNP website. If re-elected I will continue to welcome the participation of party members, and I will work to bring your voice to the Leadership Committee.

I firmly believe in the values that the CNP stands for – with Universal Healthcare and Environmental Protection being closest to my heart. The failure of the two party system has brought me to believe that we truly need a party by Californians for Californians. I look forward to working together, to build a stronger California - for everyone!

Lyra Porcasi: Candidate for Treasurer

I hold a Bachelor's degree in mathematics, and a Master's degree in education from the University of California at Santa Barbara, as well as a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from California Lutheran University, and certification in bookkeeping and accounting from Conejo Valley Adult Education. I am a minister of the Universal Life Church, a single mother of two, and a published author of scientific journal articles and both fiction and non-fiction novels. I still remain in private tutoring and standardized test proctoring for high school students in many subjects, while for twenty years previously, I taught middle and high school math and the sciences, both online and within traditional classrooms. I also personally manage all of my family's finances.

Along with this practical experience, I am honest, trustworthy, and reliable, almost to a fault. I follow every best-practice recommendation in all of my work, and am never unprepared for any situation. I go above and beyond the call of duty to help others when they need it, and have devoted a huge portion of my life and goals to the progress of this party.

I have been treasurer of the CNP since the end of 2016. I've learned how to handle the party's sales tax returns, semi-annual compliance report to the Secretary of State's office, donation information, merchandise sales and shipping, reimbursements for all purchases made for the party's usage and benefit, and the software and websites used for maintaining these books properly. Beyond the money end of things, I am also on the writing team for the CNP, helping to compose and edit our platform, write and distribute petitions, and assist with op-eds, Facebook posts, and blogs.

What I hope to accomplish if re-elected to the treasurer position is to continue to serve to my best ability in all of these capacities. Even more, I hope to watch the upward growth of party membership, constant increase in resources, and forward progress on the most important issues facing all Californians today.

Please consider my candidacy for this position.

Thank you.

Theo Slater: Candidate for Local Chapter Coordinator (North)

I am running for the CNP Leadership Committee position of Local Chapter Coordinator for Northern California because I want to make our local chapters more vibrant and active here in the north. I intend to substantially increase the number of active local chapters. I will use what has worked to get the Sacramento Valley chapter active and productive in order to help push forward other chapters across the north. One goal I have is to organize a regional convention to help use our current strength in the Bay Area and Sacramento to reach out to other areas of the north and better organize other regions.

My previous experience with the California National Party is founding it and being its elected chairperson for the first four years of its existence. I think I can leverage this experience and knowledge of the party and its most active members to better organize our party in the north.

I have chosen California as my homeland. This is the nation that I love. I first came to California to attend Pomona College in 1998 and have lived here without interruption since 2006 when I returned to attend law school in San Francisco at UC Hastings College of the Law. I have lived in Claremont, Los Angeles, Redwood City, San Francisco, Oakland, and now Sacramento. I have run my own law firm for the past several years, Slater Law, APC, and I worked with the other California patriots to found the California National Party in 2015.

Ken Brucker: Candidate for Local Chapter Coordinator (South)

Greetings Fellow Californians,

I want to take on the challenge of continuing to organize the party south of 35° 47' 28" / 35.791111° North.

I have plans, experience with the party and activism in general, held several events for the party and endorsements. You can [look at my blog](#) for more details about that. I want you to feel free to interact with me openly there about my candidacy.

For California,
Ken Brucker