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Biblical References for Political Engagement:

"Seek the welfare of the city...if it prospers you too will prosper" - Jeremiah 29:7
"You are the light of the world..." (Be Salt and Light to others!) - Matthew 5:13-16
"...act justly and love mercy..." -Micah 6:8
(Speak for the voiceless...defend the rights of the poor and needy.) - Proverbs 31:8

Important Dates for General Election:

- Election Date: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026
- Ballots mailed out beginning October 5, 2026
- Ballot drop-off after all services at Compass Church Main St. begins Saturday, October 10, 2026 - Sunday, November 1, 2026
- Last day to register to vote is Monday, October 19, 2026

Additional Election Resources:

Where to register to vote? Polling location? Track your ballot? Biblical voter guides and more.

Go to: https://www.compasschurchmc.org/salt---light or scan the QR code.

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Referencias Bíblicas para la Participación Política:
“Busquen el bienestar de la ciudad... Si ella prospera, ustedes también prosperarán.” - Jeremías 29:7
“Ustedes son la luz del mundo...” (¡Sean sal y luz para los demás!) - Mateo 5:13-16
“...practica la justicia y ama la misericordia...” - Miqueas 6:8
“Habla por los que no tienen voz... defiende los derechos de los pobres y necesitados.” - Proverbios 31:8

Fechas Importantes para las Elecciones Generales:
- Día de las elecciones: Martes, 3 de noviembre de 2026
- Envío de boletas: A partir del 5 de octubre de 2026
- Entrega de boletas después de servicios en Compass Church Main St. Sábado, Oct. 10, 2026 - Domingo, Nov. 1, 2026
- Último día para registrarse para votar: Lunes, 19 de octubre de 2026

Recursos Electorales Adicionales:

¿Dónde registrarse para votar?¿Dónde está su lugar de votación?¿Puede dar seguimiento a su boleta?
¿Guías bíblicas para votantes y más?

Visite: CompassChurchMC.org/salt---light o escanee el código QR.

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COMPARISON OF MAJOR PARTY PLATFORMS 2024-2028

A Non-partisan Review of Seven Critical Issues Key to Faith-based Voters

Key Issues	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRATIC
Life or Abortion	"We proudly stand for families and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process, and that the States are, therefore, free to pass Laws protecting those Rights. After 51 years… that power has been given to the States and to a vote of the People. We will oppose Late Term Abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance Prenatal Care, access to Birth Control, and IVF (fertility treatments)." (pg. 20)	"Democrats are committed to restoring the reproductive rights Trump ripped away. With a Democratic Congress, we will pass national legislation to make Roe the law of the land again. We will strengthen access to contraception so every woman who needs it is able to get and afford it. We will protect a woman's right to access IVF. We will repeal the Hyde Amendment. [We] will continue to support access to FDA-approved medication abortion, appoint leaders at the FDA who respect science, and appoint judges who uphold fundamental freedoms." (pg. 50)
Marriage and Family or (LGBTQ+) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning Plus	We will keep men out of women's sports, ban Taxpayer funding for sex change surgeries, stop Taxpayer-funded Schools from promoting gender transition, and reverse Biden's [rewrite] of Title IX Education Regulations. Republicans will promote a Culture that values the Sanctity of Marriage, the blessings of childhood, the foundational role of families. (pg. 18)	Democrats will pass the Equality Act to codify protections for LGBTQI+ Americans and their families. We will prohibit employment discrimination in the federal government, including contractors, and make federally funded senior's programs LGBTQI+ inclusive. And we have and will continue to make great strides in protecting LGBTQI+ children and prospective parents in the adoption and foster care systems. (pg. 56)
Parental Rights in Education or Expanding Government Standards	Universal School Choice: Republicans [will] empower families to choose the best Education for their children by supporting Universal School Choice in every State in America. We will expand 529 Education Savings Accounts and support Home-schooling Families equally (pg. 17.) [We] will restore Parental Rights in Education, and … stop schools from discriminating on the basis of Race. We trust Parents! [We believe in] Knowledge and Skills, Not CRT and Gender Indoctrination; will promote Love of Country, Freedom to Pray, and Return of Power to the States. (pg. 18)	We support efforts to provide more timely, well-rounded, actionable feedback on student learning and progress to educators and to families that will support instruction and student success, while upholding rigorous academic standards. We oppose the use of private-school vouchers, tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, and other schemes that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from public education. Public tax dollars should never be used to discriminate. And we'll continue working to increase accountability at charters, holding them to the same transparency standards as public schools. (pg. 26)
Securing the Border or a Pathway to Citizenship for Illegals	Republicans will …halt all releases of Illegal Aliens into the interior. We will complete the Border Wall, shift … Federal Law Enforcement to Immigration Enforcement, and use advanced technology to monitor and secure the Border. We will use all [necessary] resources to stop the Invasion—including moving … Troops stationed overseas to our own Southern Border. We will deploy the U.S. Navy to impose a full Fentanyl Blockade … Before we defend the Borders of Foreign Countries, we must first secure the Border of our Country. (pg. 12)	[We] will push Congress to provide the resources and authorities that we need to secure the border. This includes additional border patrol agents, immigration judges, asylum officers, cutting-edge inspection machines to help detect and stop the flow of fentanyl, and funding for cities and states that are sheltering migrants. [We will] continue to press congress to pass legislation to provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, farmworkers, careworkers, and other long-term undocumented individuals who contribute to this country. (pg. 66-70)
Support for Israel or Palestine	[We will] restore peace in …the Middle East; Deport pro-Hamas radicals and make our college campuses safe and patriotic again (pg. 6-7) We will stand with Israel… We will rebuild our Alliance Network in the Region to ensure a future of Peace, Stability, and Prosperity. (pg. 22)	Democrats believe a strong, secure, and democratic Israel is vital to the interests of the United States. Their commitment to Israel's security, its qualitative military edge, its right to defend itself, and the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding is ironclad. [We] recognize the worth of every innocent life, whether Israeli or Palestinian. (pg. 83)
Energy Production or Environmental Reviews & Clean Energy Permits	[We will] Cancel the electric vehicle mandate and cut costly and burdensome regulations (pg. 7). [We] will unleash Energy Production from all sources, including nuclear, to immediately slash Inflation and power American homes, cars, and factories with reliable, abundant, and affordable Energy. (pg. 11)	[We] will keep working to incentivize investment in transmission upgrades and new lines, and in the grid-component manufacturing that's needed to support that growth. We will improve and speed up the processes of environmental review and clean energy permitting; and scale up development of clean energy on public lands. (pg. 31)
First Amendment Religious Liberty or Separation of Church …	"We are the defenders of the First Amendment Right to Religious Liberty. To protect Religious Liberty, Republicans support a new Federal Task Force on Fighting Anti-Christian Bias; …will investigate all forms of illegal discrimination, harassment, and persecution against Christians in America." (pg. 20)	"… Democrats will protect the First Amendment right to free exercise of religion for everyone, and we will maintain the separation of church and state. …We will advocate for religious freedom across the world. And we will continue to honor both religious freedom and other civil rights, not put them at war with one another. " (pg. 61-62)

For the complete text of the Democratic and Republican party platforms, please go to www.BiblicalVoter.com/major-party-platform-comparisons.
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COMPARACIÓN DE PLATAFORMAS DE LOS PRINCIPALES PARTIDOS 2024—2028
Una revisión no partidista de siete temas críticos clave para los votantes basados en la fe.

Punto/Tema	REPUBLICANO	DEMOCRATA
La vida o el aborto	**Republicano** (pág. 20): Afirma la santidad de la vida; argumenta que la 14ª Enmienda protege la Vida y la Libertad; se opone al aborto tardío (late-term abortion); apoya a las madres, la atención prenatal, el control de la natalidad y la FIV.	**Demócrata** (pág. 50): Busca restaurar Roe a nivel nacional; ampliar el acceso a la anticoncepción; proteger la FIV; derogar la Enmienda Hyde (Hyde Amendment); apoyar el aborto con medicamentos; nombrar líderes que defienden los derechos reproductivos.
Matrimonio y familia (LGBTQ+)	**Republicano** (pág. 18): Proteger los deportes de las mujeres; prohibir las cirugías de cambio de sexo financiadas por los contribuyentes; revertir la reescritura del Título IX (Title IX); enfatizar el matrimonio, la infancia y la familia.	**Demócrata** (pág. 56): Aprobar la Ley de Igualdad; ampliar las protecciones LGBTQI+; garantizar la no discriminación en el empleo federal; programas inclusivos para personas adultas mayores LGBTQI+; apoyar a jóvenes y familias LGBTQI+.
Los derechos parentales en la educación	**Republicano** (pág. 18): Apoyar la Elección Escolar Universal (Universal School Choice); ampliar 529 cuentas ESA; apoyar la educación en el hogar; restaurar los derechos de los padres; rechazar la CRT y la ideología de género; promover el patriotismo y la oración.	**Demócrata** (pág. 26): Oponerse a los vouchers de escuelas privadas; mantener altos estándares académicos; exigir la no discriminación en el financiamiento público; aumentar la rendición de cuentas para las escuelas chárter.
Seguridad fronteriza	**Republicano** (pág. 12): Detener las liberaciones de inmigrantes ilegales al interior; terminar el muro fronterizo; redesplegar tropas estadounidenses a la frontera sur; ampliar tecnología; hacer cumplir el bloqueo del fentanilo. Priorizar la seguridad de Estados Unidos.	**Demócrata** (pág. 66—70): Aumentar agentes fronterizos, jueces y oficiales de asilo; agregar herramientas de detección contra el fentanilo; brindar apoyo a las ciudades que ayudan a los migrantes; crear un camino hacia la ciudadanía para los residentes indocumentados de larga duración.
Apoyo a Israel o Palestina	**Republicano** (pág. 6—7, 22): Restaurar la paz en Medio Oriente; deportar a los radicales pro-Hamas; apoyar a Israel; reconstruir alianzas para la estabilidad a largo plazo.	**Demócrata** (pág. 83): Cree en un Israel fuerte y seguro; defender el MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) de 2016; apoyar la seguridad de Israel; valorar toda vida inocente, israelí y palestina.
Producción de energía o permisos de energía limpia	**Republicano** (pág. 7, 11): Cancelar el mandato de los VE; reducir las regulaciones; ampliar todas las formas de producción de energía de los Estados Unidos, incluida la nuclear; disminuir la inflación con energía doméstica asequible.	**Demócrata** (pág. 31): Actualizar líneas de transmisión; acelerar la revisión ambiental; ampliar los permisos de energía limpia; escalar la energía renovable en tierras públicas.
Libertad Religiosa	**Republicano** (pág. 20): Defender los derechos de la Primera Enmienda (First Amendment); crear un grupo de trabajo para combatir los prejuicios anticristianos; investigar la discriminación y la persecución.	**Demócrata** (págs. 61—62): Proteger el libre ejercicio de la religión para todos; mantener la separación de la iglesia y el estado; abogar por la libertad religiosa global; equilibrar los derechos civiles con la libertad religiosa.

Para obtener el texto completo de las plataformas de los partidos Demócrata y Republicano, vaya a www.biblicalvoter.com/Major-Party-Platform-ComparATION.
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“POLITICS” IS NOT A DIRTY WORD

As we enter 2026 and the mid-term elections, be biblical in every sphere of life, especially in government, the bedrock that shapes so much of our daily quality of life.

Some claim Christians have no place in politics and that Scripture forbids such involvement. This is deception. It binds the Church in chains and strips us of the God-given, God-ordained authority we are meant to exercise in the public square.

Politics is simply the exercise of governmental authority over a land. Jesus makes this unmistakably clear: *“All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth”* (Matthew 28:18). God exercises this sovereignty through us as Christ’s body with hands that reach out; feet that move out; and voices that speak out to exercise His rule.

Scripture warns us plainly: *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ”* (Colossians 2:8).

When we expel God, the void does not remain empty. It fills quickly with evil—and evil always corrupts. Statehouses and courthouses become dumping grounds for laws once unthinkable, now enforced with zeal. Many believers stay silent, hoping to avoid the stench. Others deny the corruption exists at all. Both responses allow the decay to spread.

Picture a house on fire. Firefighters have two jobs: put out the fire and rescue the people. That is our calling as believers. The Gospel saves souls—and obedience confronts the flames. When corruption enters and Christians stand by—passive or disengaged—the fire grows into an uncontrollable inferno.

Fires of corruption are extinguished by cutting off their oxygen—through prayer, praise, repentance, and obedience. We repent for apathy and silence. In doing so, we break deception, expose lies, and invite truth back into our culture. Action aligns us with God’s non-negotiable moral standards and rejects compromise.

Be God’s first-responders. Exercise governmental authority. Speak. Assemble. Petition. Write.

Get involved:

- Register to vote and vote biblically.
- Run for office.
- Support candidates who uphold God’s values
- Attend county, city and schoolboard meetings.

Authority that comes from God cannot be overcome. The only thing that limits its power is our refusal to use it.

Additional General Election and Biblical Voter Resources

TITLE	PURPOSE	SOURCE
Where do I go to register to vote?	Register for the first time or reregistered if you've moved recently	https://covr.sos.ca.gov/
Find your polling place.	Where do I go to vote?	https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/
Track your ballot.	Confirm your vote is received and counted	https://montereycounty.ballottrax.net/voter/
Christian Voter Guide	Equip voters to make informed decisions guided by faith, values and biblical principles in the public square.	https://christianvoterguide.com/
https://ivoterguide.com/	Personalized voter guide, see who your representatives are and their beliefs from a biblical perspective	https://ivoterguide.com/
Quotes by the signers of the Declaration of Independence on Christian Faith and the Bible	Reinforcing our Christian Foundation	https://wallbuilders.com/resource/christian-faith-quotes-by-signers-of-the-declaration/

Recursos Adicionales para las Elecciones Primarias y Votantes Bíblicos

TÍTULO	PROPÓSITO	FUENTE
¿Dónde me registro para votar?	Regístrese por primera vez o vuelva a registrarse si se ha mudado recientemente	https://covr.sos.ca.gov/
Encuentre su lugar de votación.	¿A dónde voy a votar?	https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/
Rastree su boleta.	Confirme que su voto fue recibido y contado	https://montereycounty.ballottrax.net/voter/
Guía del Votante Cristiano	Preparar a los votantes para tomar decisiones informadas guiadas por la fe, los valores y los principios bíblicos en el ámbito público.	https://christianvoterguide.com/
https://ivoterguide.com/	Guía de votación personalizada; vea quiénes son sus representantes y sus creencias desde una perspectiva bíblica	https://ivoterguide.com/
Citas de los firmantes de la Declaración de Independencia sobre la Fe Cristiana y la Biblia	Reforzando nuestra Fundación Cristiana	https://wallbuilders.com/resource/christian-faith-quotes-by-signers-of-the-declaration/