

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 5**

**Name: JASON PALETTA**

**Age: 49**

**Occupation: Police Officer**

**Education and Qualifications:**

As a police officer, I am appalled how woke politicians have tied the hands of law enforcement by cutting funding, reclassifying many felonies to misdemeanors, emptying our prisons, and allowing early parole. We must prosecute criminals, keep them behind bars and out of our neighborhoods.

Now more than ever we need a cop's voice at the State Capitol.

I was born and raised just north of here, working in rice fields and active with the Future Farmers of America. I joined the military and served with the 82nd Airborne, and later protected our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan. I know what it's like to be in a fight and face a challenge head on.

I see the daily struggle – skyrocketing gas, grocery costs, and a government that cares more about special interests than all of us. The liberal political elite either ignore our concerns or actively work to squash our freedoms. It's time for change.

As a husband and father, I will fight for our children and parental rights. We know children have a better chance of success when their parents have more educational options including more charter schools, as well as homeschool, private, and traditional public schools.

I will also vigorously defend your Second Amendment rights.

As a veteran, we need to prioritize the assistance, mental health, and substance abuse treatment and help our veterans need. Our veterans fought for us. We must fight for them.

I'm ready to protect and serve, send a cop to the State Assembly.

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**Name: JOE PATTERSON**

**Age: 39**

**Occupation: City Councilman and Small Business Owner**

**Education and Qualifications:**

Politicians at the State Capitol have let us down. Crime, homelessness, and the high cost of living are all the result of an out of touch and unresponsive state government.

As a Mayor and City Councilman, I have stood with our police and sheriffs against those who want to defund the police and open prison doors. I am proud to be law enforcement's choice for State Assembly and to be endorsed by Sheriff Devon Bell and the Rocklin Police Officers' Association. I served 5 years as the Treasurer of the Rocklin Public Safety Foundation, a local non-profit that supports our police and firefighters.

Governor Newsom and Sacramento politicians continue to throw billions of dollars into new social programs without addressing problems impacting families like outrageous gas and electricity prices. It is not working. We need accountability and tax cuts, not new social programs.

The Gold Country Taxpayers Association and the Placer County Taxpayers Association officially endorse me because they know I will never vote to raise taxes. The state has a \$60 billion surplus. We don't need more taxes, we need to slash waste, fraud, and abuse.

My wife Colleen and I are working to raise our four children. We understand the challenges families face. We want our kids to have a future right here and not be forced to leave California to pursue their dreams.

Our current Assemblyman, Kevin Kiley, endorses me. See a complete list at [www.joepatterson.com](http://www.joepatterson.com). I would be honored to earn your vote. Thank you.

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**Name: GREG SMITH**

**Age:**

**Occupation: Small Business Owner**

**Education and Qualifications:**

How has California arrived at a place where crime is unpunished, homelessness is rampant, taxes on fuel and property are the highest in the nation and government overreach is at its highest?

I'm a Veteran, small business owner and conservative who wants to fix the wrongs in California!

I want to see crimes against people and property punished. It's critical we repeal a law that only charges a misdemeanor for theft of up to \$950 because criminals know they will not be prosecuted.

The administration has spent \$12 billion on homeless programs but it has somehow increased the problem. Let's audit programs for results and cut those wasting money. Camping on streets and sidewalks, the open sale and use of drugs is illegal and must stop.

Government should serve people not recklessly tax and spend and restrict their freedoms. Eliminating regulations that fuel inflation and force businesses to relocate out of state is a high priority. Repealing excessive taxes on fuel and upholding Prop 13 to keep property taxes down is critical.

The politicians are failing us and our children's future. I'm not a politician and I want to work with the people in Placer County to reject failing policies for a better tomorrow. Count on me to listen to your concerns and lead the way to put things right.

Let's stop doing things that don't work and start doing things that will!