

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

Name: JOE PATTERSON

Age: 42

Occupation: Member of the State Assembly, 5th District

Education and Qualifications: Placer County is where my wife and I call home and have decided to raise our family. It's where our kids attend local public schools. I'm passionate about protecting this community.

Placer County's families, seniors, and workers are being crushed by the high cost of groceries, the oppressive taxes added onto every gallon of gas, and the outrageous price of electricity. Despite all of this, Governor Gavin Newsom's administration has a new hidden tax that could increase gas prices by another estimated 50 cents per gallon.

Enough is enough.

I've taken on Governor Gavin Newsom by demanding an annual audit of the money being spent on homeless programs and for more transparency (and fewer secrets) in the legislative process. Over the last two years, I've seen billions wasted with little to no visible results.

The Placer County Taxpayers Association endorses me because I'll continue to fight to end the waste, fraud, and abuse of your tax dollars. I won't vote for tax increases, and I vehemently oppose efforts to undermine Proposition 13.

I'll continue to work to make our community a safer place. I authored legislation to stop the release of violent sexual predators and increase penalties on fentanyl dealers.

I'm endorsed by Sheriff Wayne Woo, District Attorney Morgan Gire, and local law enforcement because they know I support them and will be their voice in the legislature.

Visit my website to learn more: www.JoePatterson.com