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State Assembly, District 1

Megan Dahle

Occupation: Assemblywoman/Farmer/Businesswoman Age: 44

The Sacramento politicians have too often forgotten the North State. Send me to the State Assembly and I'll make Shasta County's voice heard.

Keeping the power on is essential for families and businesses and I'm working to solve the tough problems associated with fixing the electrical grid.

Improving forestry management, clearing excess fuel and ensuring power lines are properly maintained will prevent more catastrophic wildfires. Helping wildfire victims recover from the Carr and Mountain Fires is the right thing to do for our neighbors.

Increasing above ground water storage will ensure farms and families get the water needed while protecting our watersheds.

It costs too much to live in California. Reducing the cost of health care, making prescription drugs more affordable, keeping taxes down and protecting our communities from crime will be my top priorities.

As a former School Board President, I balanced the budget. In the Assembly, I'll work to ensure students have a safe learning environment, the skills needed to succeed in tomorrow's economy and fight for parental rights.

Please join local community leaders, and public safety professionals to support my efforts to stand up for the North State.

With your support, I'll continue efforts to cut government waste, make California more affordable, reduce health care costs, keep taxes down, and bring common sense solutions to the problems we face.

We are stronger together.

If you have questions, please call me at (530) 251-6757 or visit www.votemegandahle.com.

I'd be honored to have your vote.



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State Assembly, District 1

PK “Paul” Dhanuka

Occupation: Doctor/Small Businessman Age: 45

Sacramento has failed the Northstate, leaving us vulnerable to wildfires, strangling any hope of economic opportunity with burdensome regulations and taxes, and not only overlooking homelessness for years, but making the problem worse with bad policies!

My name is Dr. Piyush Dhanuka, but you can call me Paul. I am a physician and currently serve as Chief of Medical Staff at Mercy Medical Center. I immigrated from India 23 years ago, became a citizen, and moved to Redding 14 years ago with my wife, also a physician, and our children. It’s possible that you and I have met as we have helped care for over 100,000 people in our area.

People need help, but more than that they need opportunity. As a predominantly rural district under a two-party system, our interests are often overlooked in favor of the party line that divides and distracts us from our real needs. We must return control of our lives back to those who know best: the people of the Northstate.

That’s why I am running as an Independent for Assembly: because it is time for our community to be united by a non-partisan candidate who is passionate about the Constitution’s protection of the natural rights of each individual. I’ll work to solve homelessness, reduce healthcare costs, fight for the resources we need to protect against wildfires, and bring jobs and training to our community.

I humbly ask for your vote and support. Thank you.

Dr. PK “Paul” Dhanuka
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Elizabeth L Betancourt

Occupation: Small Business Owner/Farmer/Rural Advocate Age: 40

If you're like me and my husband, you believe it's time for Sacramento to pay attention to our North State needs. We own a small farm and understand what goes into making a small business work and the failure of Sacramento's one-size-fits-all approach. I'm also a rural scientist with extensive experience in forest and landscape management, balancing ecosystem health and economic stability. Our part of the state has been neglected by institutional politicians and the corporate interests that support them...that's why I'm a tireless advocate for our North State communities.

There's a lot on the line this year, and your vote makes a real difference for our region. I live here, work here, and have spent nearly 20 years advocating for investment in our North State communities. I will work for locally-driven responsible water policy, regulations fair to the North State, science-based forest management and investment, and real rural economic development and small businesses support.

The government has ignored us. Even our own elected officials disappear into Sacramento and only return when they want our votes. I'm not a politician...I say what I mean and I mean what I say. I believe trust and leadership should be earned, not inherited. I commit to be a real and active presence responsive to your regional concerns and needs. I have shown this commitment through years of service in this area and will continue to do so as your next Assemblymember. On March 3rd, I'd like the opportunity to earn your vote.

www.BetancourtForAssembly.com