

## California

Voters in California will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 80 seats in the State House are up as well as 20 seats in the 40-member State Senate. Democrats currently dominate state politics – California is a Democratic trifecta and should remain so after November.

## Attorney General

## **Republican Nominee**

## **Steven Bailey**

Steven Bailey is a former Superior Court Judge. Prior to serving on the bench, he was in private practice handling criminal and administrative law for 19 years and was a Certified Criminal Law Specialist, certified by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. He was also Deputy Director in charge of Legislation for the California Department of Social Services under the late Governor George Deukmejian.

Bailey secured second place in the state's "jungle primary" and will face current Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) in the general. He describes himself as a law and order candidate running against decriminalizing property crimes and against early release. Bailey also has stated that the office of the Attorney General, most of all, should be ran as a non-partisan entity only responsible to Californians; he believes that current law suits against the Trump Administration by Attorney General Becerra should not be pursued.

Bailey is campaigning with conservative themes and messages. He supports the death penalty, supports "Three Strikes" laws, opposes sanctuary cities and states, and supports gun ownership.

*Trivia:* Bailey got his start as a Legislative Assistant in the California State Assembly.