



## 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

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Attorney General Xavier Becerra](#)

Attorney General Becerra was appointed to his position in 2017 after the departure of then-AG Kamala Harris (D). He previously represented the 34<sup>th</sup> district in the United States House of Representatives. Since then, his office has filed more than 30 lawsuits against the Trump Administration.

He is making healthcare a central focus of his campaign, touting that as Attorney General he has led multi-state efforts to defend our state's cutting-edge affordable health insurance policies. He sued the Administration over its plan to end cost-sharing payments that help make subsidies available.

Becerra has [stated](#) that, "The opioid crisis is devastating our communities. This multistate investigation aims to determine what role drug companies may have played in furthering this crisis. With so many of my colleagues in other states partnering in this investigation, I look forward to getting answers that will help us attack some of the root causes of and those responsible for the opioid crisis."

He also has made immigration a focus on the trail, citing his familial history and own childhood struggles with discrimination. He supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy and has sued the Administration over funding for sanctuary jurisdictions. He has also filed briefs against the Administration's travel ban.

Becerra supports clean, renewable energy and believes that climate change is the most important global environmental issue. His office has recently sued the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the use of greenhouse gases.

Becerra opposes for-profit colleges and universities and believes them to be predatory. His office recently sued Navient Corporation for misconduct in the servicing and collection of federal student loans.

*Trivia: Rumors were swirling during the 2016 campaign that if Hillary Clinton were to win, he was likely to be a Clinton Cabinet appointee.*