

## CALIFORNIA

Voters in California will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 80 Assembly seats will be on the ballot as well as half (20) of the Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the Legislature.

### Attorney General

### Republican Nominee

[Nathan Hochman \(R\)](#)

Nathan Hochman (R) will face Attorney General Rob Bonta (D) in November. He served as United States Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice in 2008. Prior to that, Hochman was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California from 1990 to 1997, serving in the Criminal Division.

Like many California candidates, Hochman is using his campaign to [focus](#) on addressing the increasing crime rates in the state and criticizing current leadership for "soft-on-crime policies." He is [promising](#) to stop the proliferation of ghost guns, which are self-made firearms that have recently grown in popularity in the state.

Another focal point of Hochman's campaign is the fentanyl crisis. He [supports](#) the passage of SB 350, a bill with that would have made punishments for drug facilities equal to those of deaths results from drunk drivers. Legislators in the California State Senate did not pass the bill in 2021.

In response to homelessness, he supports efforts to allow court-mandated treatment for drug and alcohol addiction. Hochman believes California law makes it difficult to give treatment to those who refuse.

At the end of 2021, Hochman reported he had raised over \$1 million, more than any Republican running for Attorney General in the past decade.

*Trivia: Hochman is an avid TikTok user, and often posts his campaign messages on the popular platform.*