

CALIFORNIA

Voters in California will elect a new governor to replace term-limited Governor Gavin Newsom (D), along with an attorney general, state treasurer, and other executive offices. Twenty (20) out of 40 senate seats, and all 80 assembly seats are up for reelection. Democrats are expected to maintain their control of the legislature and executive offices.

State Treasurer

Republican Nominee

Jennifer Hawks

Jennifer Hawks presents herself as a businesswoman, mother, and community leader rather than a career politician. She touts her background in budget management and time on community and public boards: Hawks believes that government should be run with **greater fiscal discipline**, transparency, and accountability.

Before running for treasurer, Hawks served on the executive team of Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, a prominent private school in Silicon Valley. She has served as president of the Palo Alto Republican Women Federated and has been involved in local Republican Party organizing and outreach efforts throughout the Bay Area.

A major focus of her [platform](#) is **government accountability**. She pledges to scrutinize bond issuances, monitor state investment programs more closely, and advocate for responsible debt management.

Hawks also emphasizes her role as a potential member of the boards overseeing California's public pension systems, including **CalPERS** and **CalSTRS**. She argues that pension investments should prioritize long-term financial performance and retirement security rather than political considerations.

Trivia: After initially launching a 2023 bid for Governor of California, Hawks shifted focus to the treasurer race.