

ELECTION HISTORY – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Last updated 6/21/2026

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	DATE OF PRIMARY	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT	DATE OF RUNOFF	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
District 1		3/5/2024	24283		none		
	Joe LaCava (elected)		24283	100			
District 1			42911		11/3/2020	69863	
	Joe LaCava (elected)		10335	24.08		42613	0.61
	Will Moore		7054	16.44		27250	0.39
	Aaron Brennan		6399	14.91			
	Sam Nejabat		5884	13.71			
	Lijun (Lily) Zhou		3910	9.11			
	James P. Rudolph		3505	8.17			
	Harid "H." Puentes		3340	7.78			
	Louis A. Rodolico		2484	5.79			
District 1			38303		11/8/2016	58775	
	Barbara Bry (elected)		18559	48.4		38470	65.45
	Ray Ellis		12982	33.86		20305	34.55
	Bruce D. Lightner		3711	9.68			
	Kyle Heiskala		2344	6.11			
	Louis A. Rodolico		707	1.84			
District 1			30987		11/6/2012	57466	
	Ray Ellis		14133	45.61		25881	45.04
	Sherri S. Lightner (elected)		12889	41.59		31585	54.96
	Bryan Pease		2210	7.13			
	Dennis Ridz		1755	5.66			
District 1			34763		11/4/2008	77855	
	Sherri S. Lightner (elected)		12708	36.56		40282	51.8
	Phil Thalheimer		11777	33.88		37360	48.2
	Marshall Merrifield		10278	29.57			
District 1			41260		11/2/2004	69622	
	Scott Peters (elected)		19983	48.43		38087	54.71
	Phil Thalheimer		12816	31.06		31535	45.29
	Kathryn Burton		8433	20.44			

District 1			35064		11/7/2000	63310	
	Linda Davis		11342	32.35		29872	47.18
	Scott Peters (elected)		8380	23.9		33438	52.82
	Lisa Ross		7971	22.73			
	Paul Kennerson		4059	11.58			
	Jim Ryan		3312	9.45			
District 1		3/26/1996			none		
	Harry Mathis (elected)		25703	100			
District 1		9/21/1993	20847		11/2/1993	35583	
	Harry Mathis (elected)		9009	43.21		18204	51.16
	Peter Navarro		8732	41.89		17379	48.74
	Deanna "Dee" Rich		3106	14.9			
District 1		9/19/1989	26118		11/7/1989	31844	
	Abbe Wolfsheimer (elected)		11300	43.27		16231	50.97
	Bob Trettin		7467	28.59		15613	49.03
	Harry Mathis		7351	28.15			
District 1		9/17/1985	12817		11/5/1985	135918	
	Bill Mitchell		6475	50.52		65167	47.95
	Abbe Wolfsheimer (elected)		5717	44.6		70751	52.05
	Mary O' Rourke		625	4.88			
District 1		9/15/1981	14026		11/3/1981	128670	
	Ed Malone		5578	39.77		60730	47.2
	Bill Mitchell (elected)		5032	35.88		67940	52.8
	James M. Skelly		2965	21.14			
	Dick Donohue		451	3.22			
District 1		9/20/1977	27547		11/8/1977	133072	
	Gil Johnson		13107	47.58		65215	49
	Bill Mitchell (elected)		7595	27.57		67857	51
	Tony Yusunas		3186	11.57			
	Jack Recht		2923	10.61			
	Henry Reed		736	2.67			

District 1		9/18/1973	17232		11/6/1973	159122	
	Gil Johnson (elected)		10065	58.41		98310	61.78
	Helen L. Scantlin		3936	22.84		60812	38.22
	Tony Yusunas		1945	11.29			
	John Sneed, Jr.		1286	7.46			
District 1	Gil Johnson		Appointed				
District 1		9/16/1969	9074		11/4/1969	107450	
	Helen Cobb (elected)		4543	50.07		63808	59.38
	Mart E. Foy		3057	33.69		43642	40.62
	Bill Johnson		1474	16.24			
District 1		9/21/1965	12309		11/2/1965	137604	
	Helen Cobb (elected)		4396	35.71		72585	52.75
	William H. Taggart		3576	29.05		65019	47.25
	Robert C. Bacon		2350	19.09			
	Tom Kane		1124	9.13			
	Harold R. Glaeser		863	7.01			
District 1		3/14/1961	13891		4/18/1961	85248	
	Ross G. Tharp		7882	56.74		40473	47.48
	Helen R. Cobb (elected)		2476	17.82		44775	52.52
	Levane F. Hockett		1610	11.59			
	Howard T. Flynn		1315	9.47			
	Avis Ferdig		608	4.38			
District 1		3/12/1957	9706		4/16/1957	53858	
	Ross G. Tharp (elected)		3478	35.83		27175	50.46
	John M. Ashton		2886	29.73		26683	49.54
	Fletcher H. Morrison		1928	19.86			
	Mercedes R. Gleason		1414	14.57			
District 1		3/10/1953	9049		4/24/1953	47615	
	C. Harry Burnaugh		2580	28.51		22026	46.26
	Clair W. Burgener (elected)		2120	23.43		25589	53.74
	Thomas D. Drake		2031	22.44			

	Dorothy G. Worrall		1079	11.92			
	Hugh V. Knox		732	8.09			
	Fred A. Halleman		507	5.6			
District 1			7083		4/19/1949	53251	
	Franklin F. Swan (elected)		2253	31.81		30318	56.93
	John T. Rufdord		1502	21.21		22933	43.07
	Edwin F. Brooks		1084	15.3			
	Robert Apitz		753	10.63			
	Lyle E. Linder		580	8.19			
	Charles S. Morgan		471	6.65			
	James A. Wilford		440	6.21			
District 1		3/13/1945			4/17/1945	32045	
	Gerald C. Crary (elected)		No results			20,633	64.39
	Carl Schroder		No results			11412	35.61
District 1	Gerald Crary	6/27/1944	Appointed				
District 1		3/25/1941	5186		4/27/1937	32045	
	Fred W. Simpson (elected)		3394	65.45		20554	64.14
	Edward A. Kickham		1792	34.55		11491	35.86
District 1	Frederick W. Simpson	7/18/1939	Appointed				
District 1		3/23/1937	4544		4/27/1937	22230	
	Wesley C. Crandall (elected)		2679	58.96		13752	61.86
	Edward A. Kickham		1379	30.35		8478	38.14
	Elmer E. Steele		486	10.7			
District 1		3/28/1933	5211		4/27/1937	34440	
	Albert W. Bennett (elected)		2745	52.68		19614	56.95
	Wynne L. Van Schaick		2140	41.07		14826	43.05
	May Allen Gibson		326	6.26			
District 1		4/22/1932	5898		4/26/1932	41657	
	Albert W. Bennett (elected)		2706	45.88		23557	56.55
	Wynne L. Van Schaick		1725	29.25		18100	43.45

	Charles H. Daly		775	13.14			
	Della G. Haman		270	4.58			
	Charles W. Wright		200	3.39			
	L. Jerome Carpenter		149	2.53			
	Roy F. Bleifuss		73	1.24			