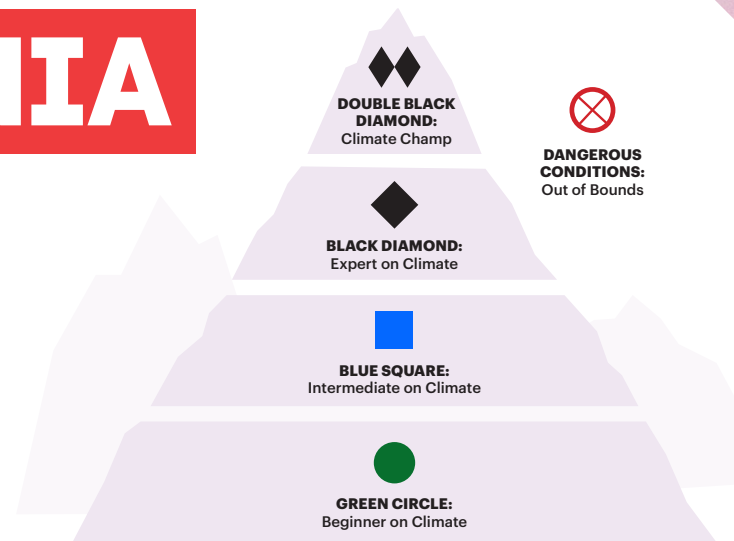


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RATINGS/CRITERIA:

Candidates were evaluated on their acceptance of climate change as a real, human-caused problem, their willingness to engage in dialogue about climate action, their voting record on climate-related legislation (if available), their willingness to engage with POW AF, the extent to which climate is a priority in their campaign, leadership displayed on climate issues in general, fossil fuel industry campaign donor records, and whether or not they have championed climate legislation.

Any candidate polling publicly above 10% was evaluated.



CANDIDATES FOR THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

District 1:



JAMES GALLAGHER: Green Circle

Gallagher rarely votes in favor of the climate and blames California's drought on mismanagement rather than climate change. He opposes selling off public lands like Yosemite, but voted against setting emissions-reduction goals and against fines for oil spills.



MIKE MCGUIRE: Black Diamond

McGuire says climate change is already reshaping Northern California through wildfire, smoke, and drought, and he consistently votes in favor of climate legislation. He fights to stop offshore drilling and has pushed to restore Forest Service funding cut by the Trump administration.

District 2:



JARED HUFFMAN: Double Black Diamond

Huffman recognized the urgency of climate change and was an original cosponsor of the Green New Deal resolution. He's fought fossil fuel exploration in the Arctic and off the California coast, introduced a bill to reduce carbon emissions, and curb the use of fossil fuels.



ROBIN LITTAU: Out of Bounds

Littau hasn't addressed climate change, public lands, renewable energy, or emissions anywhere in their campaign.

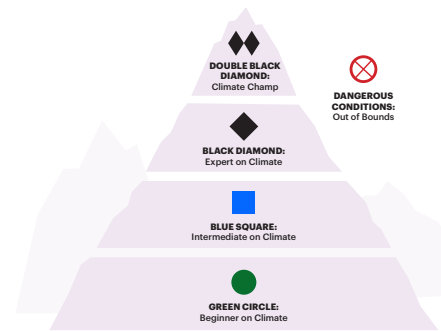
Disclaimer: This Voter Guidebook includes information about all federal candidates for public office. This Guidebook is for informational purposes. For all races, our researchers reviewed candidates' websites, social media, the public record, and nonpartisan news outlets to pull information for inclusion. Candidates researched include all major party candidates, polling at least 10%, running for US House and US Senate in the following geographies: CO, NV, MT, OR, ME, UT, NM, NH, and CA.

District 3:**AMI BERA: Double Black Diamond**

Bera is a fierce climate advocate who consistently votes in favor of environmental legislation. He frames climate change as a public health crisis given his medical background. He supports local renewable energy investment and defends California's clean air standards.

**ROBB TUCKER: Out of Bounds**

Tucker hasn't addressed climate change directly, framing wildfire risk purely as a forest management issue, and leans on energy independence rhetoric without naming renewable energy as a solution.

**District 4:****MIKE THOMPSON: Double Black Diamond**

Thompson consistently supports environmental legislation in Congress and calls climate change the greatest threat we face today. He authored the GREEN Act, whose clean energy tax credits became the foundation of two-thirds of the Inflation Reduction Act's climate investment.

**ERIC JONES: Black Diamond**

Jones says Big Oil spent millions denying the damage fossil fuels cause and backs expanding renewable energy and community-based microgrids. He supports ending fossil fuel subsidies and reinvesting that money into climate resilience.

District 5:**MICHAEL MASUDA: Black Diamond**

Masuda ties California's water and snowpack problems directly to climate change and has criticized McClintock over threats to sell off Yosemite land parcels. He opposes public land sell-offs and supports locally driven energy solutions like biomass.

**TOM MCCLINTOCK: Out of Bounds**

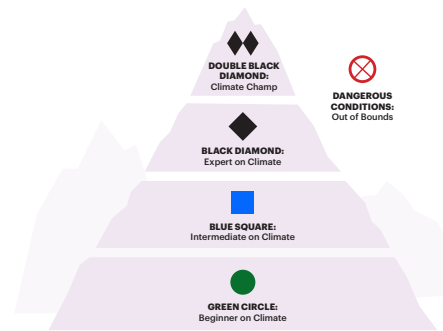
McClintock dismisses climate science, arguing natural forces explain the planet's warming more than human activity, and casts renewable mandates as destabilizing the power grid. He opposes GHG emissions reduction policy.

District 11:**SCOTT WIENER: Black Diamond**

Wiener sees the urgency in the climate crisis, noting that it is already hitting Californians through wildfires and soaring energy bills, and has pushed to speed up solar permitting and expand battery storage. He wants large corporations to publicly disclose emissions nationwide and reduce fossil fuel usage. Wiener has accepted large amounts of corporate money in his campaign, including from major tech companies like Anthropic.

**CONNIE CHAN: Double Black Diamond**

Chan backs holding the fossil fuel industry accountable and champions CleanPowerSF as a model for public clean energy advancement. She committed to cosponsor the Green New Deal resolution in Congress and authored San Francisco's ban on oil extraction from city land. Chan is not accepting corporate PAC money.

**District 12:****LATEEFAH SIMON: Double Black Diamond**

Simon consistently supports climate legislation and calls the climate emergency the biggest existential threat to the globe, with a focus on environmental justice. She supports building clean energy investments and protecting California's natural resources and public lands.

**JAMIE JOYCE: Green Circle**

Joyce lacks a strong climate or energy policy position, but has previously supported efforts to invest in solar panel programs in sub-Saharan Africa.

District 13:**ADAM GRAY: Blue Square**

Gray has advocated for loosening environmental regulations in California and has accepted oil industry money. He supports renewable energy and carbon capture while opposing aggressive greenhouse gas targets. He has defended Yosemite from being sold off.

**KEVIN LINCOLN: Green Circle**

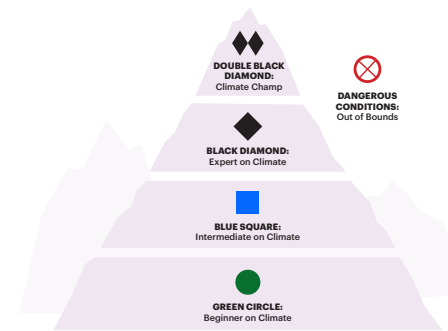
Lincoln calls climate change a pressing issue but opposes regulations, favoring a general shift to cleaner energy while still supporting fossil fuels.

District 15:**KEVIN MULLIN: Double Black Diamond**

Mullin calls climate change one of the biggest challenges of our lifetime and cosponsored a resolution condemning Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. He sits on the Natural Resources Committee and has championed funding for solar and wind grid integration.

**CHARLES HOELTER: Out of Bounds**

Hoelter has no environmental or energy content in his platform beyond a slogan referencing energy independence, in reference to increasing oil and gas development.

**District 16:****SAM LICCARDO: Double Black Diamond**

Sam Liccardo strongly supports climate legislation in Congress. As San Jose mayor, he implemented all-electric new construction and launched one of the state's largest community choice clean energy programs.

**PETER SOULÉ: Out of Bounds**

Soulé doesn't address climate change directly, framing energy and water policy purely around affordability, calling for loosened Endangered Species Act water rules and fewer drilling restrictions.

District 17:**RO KHANNA: Double Black Diamond**

Khanna champions climate policy in Congress and ties climate action to economic and national security goals, backing investment in solar, wind, nuclear, and clean hydrogen. He supports domestic solar manufacturing jobs and near-zero-emissions steel production.

**RITESH TANDON: Out of Bounds**

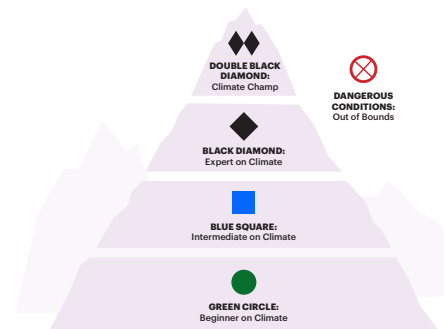
Ritesh Tandon hasn't addressed climate change or public lands, backing an all-of-the-above energy strategy focused mainly on lowering commuting costs.

District 19:**JIMMY PANETTA: Double Black Diamond**

Jimmy Panetta consistently supports environmental legislation and helped craft the Inflation Reduction Act, aiming to cut national carbon output and invest in clean energy. He's authored legislation establishing a moratorium on new oil and gas leasing on Central Coast federal land.

**PETER VERBICA: Green Circle**

Verbica doesn't address climate change directly, framing environmental regulation as bad for the economy. He's proposed reforming Endangered Species Act water rules and modernizing grid connectivity but fails to address emissions.

**District 21:****JIM COSTA: Black Diamond**

Costa supports climate legislation in Congress and frames hydrogen as key to cutting emissions in half by 2035 while strengthening domestic energy production through renewable energy development.

**KYLE KIRKLAND: Out of Bounds**

Kirkland hasn't addressed climate change, public lands, or emissions, and advocates for increasing oil production in California.

District 22:**DAVID VALADAO: Out of Bounds**

Valadao hasn't acknowledged human-caused climate change and frames energy policy around cost and independence instead of emissions and the environment. He's voted to roll back public lands protections for coal and drilling and to defund renewable energy programs.

**RANDY VILLEGAS: Black Diamond**

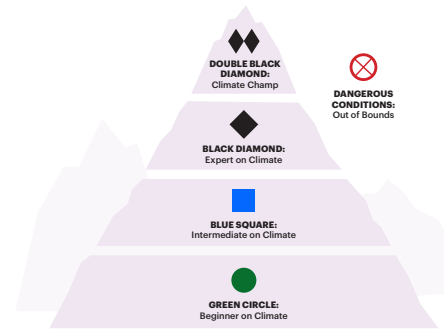
Villegas points to record heat already threatening Central Valley farmworkers and food and water supplies. He's refused fossil fuel and corporate PAC money and vows to hold polluters accountable for air and water contamination.

District 24:**BOB SMITH: Green Circle**

Bob Smith doesn't directly acknowledge climate change or address federal public lands, favoring an all-of-the-above energy strategy anchored by nuclear power, including small modular reactors.

**SALUD CARBAJAL: Black Diamond**

Carbajal consistently votes in favor of climate legislation and founded the bipartisan Offshore Wind Caucus. He voted against rolling back public lands protections and against defunding clean energy programs, advocating for more clean energy solutions and emissions reductions.

**District 26:****JACQUI IRWIN: Black Diamond**

Jacqui Irwin supports a renewable energy transition and chairs California's state climate policy committee. She advocates protecting public lands and reducing GHG emissions. She accepted oil industry money this election cycle.

**SAMUEL GALLUCCI : Out of Bounds**

Gallucci opposes California's climate initiatives and rejects the state's electric vehicle mandate as unrealistic, calling instead to unleash domestic fossil fuel energy production and streamline permitting.

District 45:**DEREK TRAN: Black Diamond**

Tran condemned the Trump administration's move to strip the EPA of authority to regulate pollution despite decades of climate science. He consistently supports climate legislation in Congress, especially clean energy policy.

**CHUONG VO: Out of Bounds**

Vo hasn't addressed climate change, public lands, renewable energy, or emissions anywhere in their campaign.

District 48:**JIM DESMOND: Green Circle**

Desmond hasn't acknowledged climate change directly, framing energy around cost and reliability, but voted against expanding offshore oil drilling as San Diego County Supervisor, favoring nuclear energy instead.

**MARNI VON WILPERT: Black Diamond**

von Wilpert acknowledges climate change as an urgent threat and claims to fight to reverse Trump's clean energy rollbacks in Congress. She pledges to protect California's coast from new drilling and hold polluters accountable.

