

New Transformational Leadership & Fundamental Change is Coming

Joel Ventresca for California Governor 2022

Incorruptible*Independent*Berniecrat*Democrat

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Since 1995 as a San Francisco peaceful warrior champion, I fearlessly battled the Most Corrupt Machine in America that amassed unprecedented power & wealth, rigged the economic & political system to make the superrich richer, and caused ever-expanding criminal prosecutions. This decades-old establishment, status quo, insider Willie Brown & protégés corruption machine is linked to widespread scandal, bribery, money laundering, contract & rate fixing, kickbacks, fraud, patronage, violence, threats, war profiteering, insider trading, missing records, election irregularities, conflicts of interest & backroom deals.

34 Years of Exceptional Award-winning Public Service: Administrator, Safety Security Risk Expert & Analyst *building* the industry-leading City and County of San Francisco International Airport into an economic powerhouse creating 300,000 jobs & \$62.5 billion in business sales annually (1987-2018); Department Head Assistant & Aging Specialist *reorganizing* the City and County of San Francisco Aging Commission into a model city department (1981-1984).

Prior Impactful Leadership Positions: 2021 Most Qualified California Gubernatorial Democratic Candidate; 2019 Democratic Party Runner-up for San Francisco Mayor; City and County of San Francisco Environmental Commissioner; President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods; Executive Board Member, Service Employees International Union (790); Environmental Justice Pioneer; Nationally-known Successful Community Organizer.

50 Years of Activism & Accomplishments: *Organized* the winning coalition that passed the most restrictive commercial office highrise growth control law in the nation; *Started* term-limits for politicians on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; *Defeated* corporate welfare sports facilities promoted by the superrich; *Headed* the public power movement in San Francisco; *Testified* before Congress against privatization of national parks; *Led* the effort to close the last two fossil-fueled burning power plants in San Francisco; *Crafted* open government law; *Drafted* detailed plan to cleanup radioactive-contaminated closed military bases; *Adopted* the first landmark City and County of San Francisco Sustainability Plan.

Media Characterizations: “hero”; “incorruptible”; “courageous”; “tough”; “principled”; “honest”; “liberal”; “left”; “empathetic”; “personable”; “knowledgeable”.

Family & Education: Son of extraordinary mother & Italian American science teacher; Married Asian American immigrant; Step-grandfather to African Americans, Cambodian Americans & Filipino Americans; Related to signers of the Declaration of Independence & Constitution; Jesuit-educated; Master in Public Administration, University of San Francisco.

“As a prominent, popular, public-interest 99% game-changer Inclusive-Populist-Progressive-Democrat, who received over 297,000 votes in California elections, I will govern as America’s Most Effective Progressive Governor.” - Joel Ventresca

Restoring, Reinventing & Reimagining the Golden California Dream
Groundbreaking *Equal-Opportunity-for-All-to-Succeed* Platform

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Restore democracy; Reinvent government; Reimagine capitalism.

Create just, livable & flourishing California for all.

Enact free, universal, *high-quality* healthcare, education *prekindergarten-through-college*, childcare & job training fully-funded by wealthy individuals & corporations, government revenues, and high-income workers. **Raise** minimum wage to \$18.50-an-hour with no exceptions & annual upward cost-of-living adjustments. **End** homelessness, poverty, gender-based violence, mass incarceration, death penalty, war-on-drugs & institutional racism. **Pass** best tenant protection, civil rights, gun safety & police reform laws in the nation. **Build** large-scale multi-unit permanent affordable housing. **Eliminate** taxes & fees on small businesses for 5 years. **Increase** taxes on wealthy individuals & corporations.

Reverse economic inequality & expand economic democracy.

Disempower top 1% economic elite. **Empower** nonviolent mass movements. **Reinvent** California into the first *zero-carbon-emissions* state in the nation. **Restructure** energy utilities into one full-service consumer-owned statewide public power system that operates efficiently, reliably, sustainably & safely with 15% lower rates. **Convert** to non-nuclear 100% clean renewable energy. **Establish** free public transit. **Cease** fracking & oil drilling. **Reduce** inequities, disparities & the gap between rich & poor. **Challenge** corporate & tech agendas.

Rejuvenate inclusive & diverse participatory democracy.

Remove corrupt influence of private money from politics by mandating 100% publicly-funded candidate campaigns & elections. **Prohibit** elected representatives from meeting with lobbyists. **Halt** government waste, fraud, abuse, inefficiency, mismanagement & corruption. **Make** safety, security, opportunity & well-being accessible to all. **Confront** bias, discrimination & bigotry. **Reopen** Robert Kennedy murder investigation. **Launch** advertising-free, public interest-oriented, *high-value* alternative media (television, radio & print) completely-funded by taxing corporate media & big tech 2.5% of gross sales in California annually.

Should top 1%-incompetent-corrupt-corporate Newsom be given another 4-year term as governor?

Newsom represents a rigged economic & political system that makes the superrich richer while the rest of us are pushed down the economic ladder. Newsom, who increased the gap between rich & poor and refuses to increase taxes on the wealthy, has made conditions for women, people of color & children worse. 55% of likely voters statewide think California is "off on the wrong track." 48% of likely voters statewide disapprove of the way Newsom is handling his job. 64% (14.1 million) of registered voters statewide either voted to fire Newsom (4.9 million) or did not vote (9.2 million) in the September 14, 2021 recall election. The Newsom record of failure: *homelessness (worst in the nation)*; half of nation's total; 66% of registered voters believe Newsom is doing a "poor" job *in this area*; *poverty rate (worst in the nation)*; *economic inequality (worst in the nation)*; *unemployment (worst in the nation)*; *coronavirus death toll (worst in the nation)*; *housing* (killed rent control; skyrocketing rents; median home price hitting over \$834,000); *healthcare* (killed single-payer; millions go without healthcare); *economy* (45% of workforce lost jobs; rising inflation, energy prices & interest rates); *schools* (83% of parents say children are falling behind); *crime* (homicides increased 31% statewide in 2020; 51% of registered voters believe Newsom is doing a "poor" job *in this area*); *drought* (water shortages mount; 40% believe Newsom is doing a "poor" job); *wildfires* (record 4.5 million acres burned in 2021; 39% believe Newsom is doing a "poor" job); *climate change* (112 fracking & oil drilling permits were approved in 2021; 31% believe Newsom is doing a "poor" job). Newsom's family took \$700,000 from PG&E, California's largest utility, then engineered a massive Wall Street-friendly ratepayer-funded \$21 billion bailout while consumer bills increased 20% in 2022. In 2020 Newsom received \$226 million in corporate donations for "charity" then provided no-bid contracts & appointments to donors. His spouse's "nonprofit" raised \$10.4 million then pocketed a \$2.3 million salary. The U.S. Supreme Court has reversed Newsom's abuse of power 5 times. Newsom's 2007 sexual misconduct scandal included: adultery; betrayal of his best friend; breaking up a new family with a child; unlawful workplace favoritism; taxpayer money misappropriation & alcohol-abuse-disorder. While dining with economic elite influence peddling lobbyists, Newsom exposed his hypocrisy, arrogance & privilege. Newsom, who is a corrupt Willie Brown protégé, corporate bagman (collected over \$100 million from gambling, real estate, health, tech, and other industries) & Getty Oil fortune-generated multimillionaire, should be denied re-election.

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