

A longtime Santa Clarita resident and mom, Christy Smith is a homegrown bipartisan leader who will work with both parties to deliver results for her community, not special interests, working to effectively address the coronavirus crisis, lower prescription drug costs, expand access to affordable healthcare, and fully fund our public schools.

**Christy's Priorities:**

As someone who...	<p><b>Value: Overturn the Tax Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christy will fight to overturn the tax hike on middle-class California families passed in 2017, and instead advocate for real tax reform that makes wealthy corporations pay their fair share and cuts taxes on the middle class and small businesses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Garcia supported raising taxes on California families by up to \$10,000 a year to fund giveaways to multinational corporations that ship jobs overseas.</b></p>
As someone who...	<p><b>Value: Healthcare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christy supports strengthening the ACA, and keeping provisions like protections for pre-existing conditions, and creating a public option.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Garcia advocates for repealing the ACA which would eliminate protections for pre-existing conditions and leave countless Californians without healthcare in the midst of this crisis.</b></p>
As someone who...	<p><b>Value: Protecting Entitlements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christy will always protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid that millions of Americans count on. That is why she has been endorsed by the National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike has said he would support cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, leaving millions of seniors and low income Californians underinsured or with none at all.</b></p>

As someone who...	<p><b>Value: No Corporate PAC Money</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christy has pledged to never take a dime from Corporate PAC's or lobbyists in this race or when she serves us in Congress. Meaning she will only ever answer to us.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Garcia has accepted Corporate PAC money in this race and has stayed silent on whether he will take contributions from lobbyists. Mike is ready to be just another Washington politician.</b></p>
As someone who...	<p><b>Value: Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christy has been a leader on public education for over 4 decades. From serving in the Department of Education, to coming home and starting a non-profit bringing technology into classrooms, serving as president of the Newhall school board, and passing landmark education bills in the State Assembly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Garcia has no public education policy and supports eliminating the Department of Education.</b></p>

**Christy's work in regard to COVID-19:**

Assemblywoman Smith has been in her community while the Assembly is in recess working daily with constituents and local officials to ensure state support for local response needs. Her highest priority is making sure members of the community have the resources they need to survive the health and economic impacts of the crisis.

Prior to the recess, Christy voted to approve legislation aimed at relieving burdens placed on citizens who have been impacted by the coronavirus by amending the 2019-20 budget and passing an emergency declaration and authorization of expenditures to address the crisis, including:

- Up to \$1 billion for purposes related to the March 4, 2020 State of Emergency declaration;
- Expressed legislative intent that the administration will work with stakeholders, including the legislature to develop strategies to assist small businesses, individuals and non-profits experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19;
- \$100 million to give Local education agencies (LEAs) the ability to continue to receive funding during this emergency and support flexible learning options for students.

**Additional Issues:**

<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Keeping our Families and Communities Safe, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has risen above party politics to deliver for California's first responders. She serves as the Chair of the CA Emergency Management Committee.</li> <li>• Believes that first responders are heroes keeping us safe and on the frontlines of America's mental health crisis.</li> <li>• Will work to invest more in public safety to <i><b>reduce emergency response times and improve neighborhood security.</b></i></li> </ul>
<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Protecting Our Environment, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows that we have a lot of work to do to protect the air our children breathe and water they drink here at home.</li> <li>• Believes our wildfire danger is greater than ever and that we need to equip our professionals with the tools and resources needed to respond.</li> <li>• Supports <i><b>investing fully renewable and clean energy infrastructure using wind and solar, creating good mortgage-paying jobs and combating the climate crisis</b></i> to ensure our community is a place where families can live and thrive for generations to come.</li> </ul>
<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Making Healthcare Affordable and Accessible, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that <i><b>health care is a human right.</b></i></li> <li>• Knows the Affordable Care Act was a tremendous step in the correct direction, and <i><b>we need to do more to reduce costs, ensure access to affordable healthcare, and protect those with pre-existing conditions.</b></i></li> <li>• Supports a <i><b>public health insurance option for all who want one.</b></i></li> <li>• Will fight to protect Medicaid and Medicare, women's reproductive health care rights, and funding for Planned Parenthood</li> <li>• <i><b>Christy lost her mother because she could not afford the prescription drugs she needed. Christy will fight to make sure no one loses a loved one because they cannot afford their medication.</b></i></li> </ul>
<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Improving Our Schools, Christy...</b></p> <p><u>Sent two daughters to public schools, served on the PTA, and was a member of the school board, Christy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that a great education levels the playing field and creates more opportunity for all of our young people.</li> <li>• She will work to invest in local public classrooms so that we can hire more teachers, reduce class sizes, and pay teachers livable middle class wages.</li> <li>• She believes in increasing the affordability and availability of options like job training, apprenticeships, technical school, and more affordable public colleges and universities.</li> </ul>

As someone who values...	<p><b>Protecting our Veterans and Seniors, Christy...</b>  <u>Christy's father served in the military.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will fight tirelessly to protect America's veterans and seniors from exploitation and abuse in Washington.</li> <li>• Will ensure that her office is assisting veterans and seniors with federal agencies through competent constituent services and outreach.</li> <li>• Will defend Social Security and Medicare and work to fix the VA to ensure that our veterans get the benefits and care they have earned.</li> </ul>
As someone who values...	<p><b>Enacting Gun Safety Measures, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that <i><b>every one of us has the right to live without the fear of gun violence and protect our families.</b></i></li> <li>• Will work to promote public safety by stemming the tide of gun violence and fighting for <i><b>comprehensive and mandatory universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines, and "red flag" laws.</b></i></li> </ul>
As someone who values...	<p><b>An Economy that Works for Everyone, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows that the cost of living is skyrocketing, pushing working class families out of their homes and displacing small businesses.</li> <li>• <i><b>Believes in tackling the housing crisis head-on by investing in more affordable housing and developing a comprehensive national strategy to combat homelessness, including increased funding for shelters, health care and mental health services.</b></i></li> <li>• Believes we should do more to help people start and grow small businesses right here at home, give people the career skills they need by making colleges and trade schools more affordable and accessible, and ensure workers have the right to organize and have a voice in the workplace through unions.</li> <li>• Thinks we must make smart investments in transportation infrastructure, education, scientific research, and renewable and clean energy industries to create sustainable jobs in our community that will also pay the mortgage.</li> </ul>
As someone who values...	<p><b>Ending Corruption in Politics, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows that <i><b>big money has corrupted our political system.</b></i></li> <li>• Thinks that the only way to fix corruption is to <i><b>get dark, unaccountable money out of politics and end Citizens United.</b></i></li> <li>• Has and will not take a dime from big tobacco, big oil, big pharma, lobbyists or other entities that have corrupted our politics and hurt our communities, and will fight for reform in Washington.</li> </ul>

<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that immigration is a humanitarian issue and should be handled with compassion.</li> <li>• Believes our immigration system is dangerously broken and desperately needs reforms that work for all of us.</li> <li>• Knows that we need to take steps to increase border security, protect against criminal activity, and create a path to citizenship for law-abiding residents who live here and contribute here.</li> <li>• Knows that America's strength is our diversity, and is dedicated to defending immigrant communities, including DREAMers and refugees from abuse and protecting their human rights.</li> <li>• Believes that separating children from their families and putting them in cages is outrageous and un-American</li> <li>• Supports adding more judges on the border to process cases in a more fair and rapid manner.</li> </ul>
<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Human Rights for All, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will fight for equality in every aspect of our society, including equal pay for equal work, protections for women in the workplace and against domestic violence, civil rights protections for LGBTQ people, as well as ensuring non-discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation</li> </ul>
<p><b>As someone who values...</b></p>	<p><b>Advocating for Women and Families, Christy...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a tireless fighter for women and families – from our schools to our state capitol and, now, to Washington.</li> <li>• Will stand up for equal pay for equal work and for affordable childcare, so families have a fair shot at success. She will ensure that women receive the same access to affordable health care as men.</li> <li>• Will always fight to protect a woman's right to choose and funding for Planned Parenthood and other providers who ensure that women have affordable options for a full range of reproductive health care.</li> </ul>