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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. “ Women have a right to control their own bodies.” Voted against introducing criminal penalties for health care practitioners who fail to provide the required degree of care for an infant who survives an attempted abortion. Voted for an amendment to the California Constitution protecting abortion rights.	Mixed. “I am pro-life .” Supports the Supreme Court’s decision overturning Roe v. Wade. “ California is a pro-choice state, and I oppose any federal abortion ban that would change California voters’ ability to decide this issue.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. “ Investing in our future is how we solve climate change. Government mandates don’t work.” Sponsored a bill to tighten timelines under the National Environmental Policy Act “to make it easier to build energy projects.” “We need to invest in renewable energies,” and invest in agriculture programs that promote carbon capture.	Yes. Climate change is a pressing issue.” Opposes mandates that could “be a burden” on residents. “It’s essential to move towards a cleaner and greener future while considering the economic realities of our communities.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Introduced a bill to help police address fentanyl trafficking. Sponsored a bill creating a federal crime to willfully injure police officers. In the California Assembly, voted to prevent local departments from hiring officers with a history of serious misconduct; opposed allowing the state to permanently ban officers with an abuse history.	Would “ fight soft-on-crime policies like early prisoner release and reduced sentences for repeat offenders.” “A culture of lawlessness...will not be tolerated.” While Stockton mayor, praised a plan to replace police response to low-level 911 calls with crisis intervention and behavioral health specialists. Supported a pay raise for officers.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Applauded the Trump administration’s \$10 billion funding request for specialty farmers. Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry. Voted to create new rules promoting the use of crypto stablecoins. Calls for “a big federal investment...in water to support agriculture.”	Cut. “Over-regulation stifles growth.” Would “cut wasteful government spending.” Supports the GENIUS Act, promoting the use of crypto stablecoins, and the Clarity Act, loosening regulation of the crypto industry. Supports removing “burdensome regulations” on the artificial intelligence industry.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Mixed. Introduced “a suite of bills that would authorize additional...water storage projects, ease permitting restrictions, and create enforceable timelines for environmental review.” Voted to impose new limits on the Clean Water Act. Voted to keep a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.	Mixed. Would “ balance our ecological goals with economic realities” and “ cut the bureaucratic red tape that hinders small businesses.” Says air pollution can “lead to enhanced health issues, like asthma.” Opposes environmental mandates. As mayor, launched a clean-up of a Stockton lake, saying the project will “help us...be good stewards of the environment.”

ISSUES	GRAY (D)	LINCOLN (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Mostly tighten. Called the 2022 “bipartisan gun control bill ” expanding the background check system “a good idea.” Supported “additional investments in public safety, school security,...and reasonable gun control measures.” Voted to restrict “ghost guns.” Opposed a bill strengthening limits on concealed weapons.	Likely tighten. Said his top public safety priority as Stockton mayor is to “get illegal guns off the street” and “reduce gun violence in our community.” “We have to be creative in how we get illegal guns off the street.” In 2024, said his administration had removed “more than 1,000 guns from the streets.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. Voted to extend Affordable Care Act premium subsidies. Introduced a bill to reverse Medicaid cuts and increase ACA tax credits. “I refuse to sit by and let these cuts rip coverage away from our community.”	Likely increase. Supports protecting healthcare and benefits for veterans. “I vow to work for accessible and affordable healthcare for every constituent.” Wants healthcare laws that protect pre-existing conditions.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Sponsored a bipartisan immigration reform bill that would create a path to legal status for undocumented workers, reform existing visa programs, and enhance border security. Sponsored a bill to give a “pathway to citizenship to Dreamers .” “The Central Valley cannot function without our immigrant community.”	“National security starts with border security.” Would “fight to secure the border, enforce our immigration laws, and restore law and order.” “If you’re in this country illegally , then you shouldn’t be here. We have to send you back to your country and then you need to come back the right way.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. Voted to require Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran in March , April , and June . “The Constitution is clear. Congress carries the solemn responsibility to declare war.”	No position found.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Mostly easier. Sponsored two bills to protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Voted to require employers to begin contract negotiations with newly certified unions within 10 days. In the California Assembly, voted to not give farmworkers more ways to vote in union elections.	Likely easier. As Stockton mayor, worked in collective bargaining with the police and firefighter unions. Said an 18% wage increase in the latest police collective bargaining agreement will “help us hire more police officers.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Sponsored a bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. In the California Assembly, voted to strengthen the privacy of people receiving gender-affirming care and voted to require trans-inclusive healthcare training. “I support equality.”	Limit. As Stockton mayor, opposed a resolution to display the Pride flag during Pride Month. Will “fight the radical left that is pushing DEI, gender transition surgeries for children, and biological men into women’s bathrooms.” Opposes “DEI mandates.”
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Likely no. Said he opposed raising the minimum wage to \$18 an hour. “ Wages need to be appropriate for the regions.”	No position found.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Voted against the bill extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate and large tax breaks for the wealthy . “This irresponsible legislation harms our most vulnerable neighbors.”	Likely lower. Said he supported the bill extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts , which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Called the bill “the largest tax cut in American history.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Voted against a bill requiring proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in a federal election. Sponsored a bill to require certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices. In the California Assembly, voted for universal mail-in ballots .	No position found.

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