

Los Angeles County Consolidated Municipal and Special Elections

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Expanded Voter Information

County Measure H: Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness

Proposal:

One-quarter percent (0.25%) special transactions and use tax on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all personal property in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County ("Tax").

The money would pay for services for the homeless. Not physical homes. It would fund services such as mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, job training, transportation, outreach, prevention. Among the people it would help are foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and the mentally ill.

If approved, the Measure creates a Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board composed of five members appointed by the Board which shall review semi-annually all expenditures from the Tax, annually publish a complete accounting of all allocations each year, and submit periodic evaluations to the County.

The Tax proceeds shall be deposited into a special account, created and maintained by the County, and shall only be used for the specific purposes outlined in the Ordinance.

This Measure requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote for passage.

Fiscal Impact:

Would produce a projected \$3.55 billion for homeless programs over 10 years. The tax increase would raise the sales tax rate to 9% across most of Los Angeles County and up to 10% in a few communities.

Arguments for Measure H:

Supporters say we should pass Measure H because:

- LA County's homeless population is at a crisis point. There are an estimated 47,000 men, women and children on the streets, in cars, tents, and emergency shelters. That does not count tens of thousands of others on the brink of homelessness.
- Giving a person shelter is essential, but without supportive services paid for by this tax, many homeless people will end up back on the streets.
- A construction bond passed by L.A. City voters last November will go to build 10,000 units of housing. This measure completes the strategy by providing money to pay for supportive services.

Arguments against Measure H:

There is no organized opposition to Measure H. But critics, including some formerly homeless people, say:

- This money will go to the same homeless organizations that let homelessness get out of hand in the first place.
- Homeless organizations and charities have plenty of money, but they don't spend it well.
- The 10,000 units of promised housing is only a fourth of what is needed to house LA County's homeless. So homelessness will continue even if these Measures are implemented.
- The increase will make already high sales taxes even higher.

Supporters:

Measure H is backed by a long list of non-profit organizations that fight poverty and homelessness, along with many city officials, labor unions, veterans groups, business groups, churches and

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synagogues. Among the backers are United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the California Community Foundation.

Those Against:

No group has raised money to campaign against Measure H, and no opposing arguments have been filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to be included in sample ballots being mailed to registered voters.

Mayor

David Hernandez

Community Advocate from Valley Village

Political Party: Republican

Hernandez, a retired insurance adjuster, once ran for Los Angeles County supervisor as well as Congress. He's also been active in community issues, from advocating for Asian elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo to fighting a proposed bullet train in the Northeast Valley. His platform is based on going back to basics and resetting our priorities to public safety, infrastructure, business opportunities and quality of life.

Diane "Pinky" Harman

Retired Educator/Actor from Northridge

Harman taught English as a second language in Los Angeles schools for more than three decades before she found a second wind as a senior rapper and hip-hop dancer. Her platform includes advocating for senior citizens, ending racial injustice and putting an end to criminal hacking and stalking.

Top priorities include:

- Fix the infrastructure. We have pipes over 90 years old that are breaking. Pot holes in the streets.
- Homeless -- Los Angeles has over 47,000 homeless people and it will increase.
- Education - Our schools are failing. Being a retired teacher LAUSD for 32 years I would like to get involved with this problem.

David "Zuma Dogg" Saltsburg

Writer And Speaker on Political/Municipal Issues

For past ten years, David "Zuma Dogg" Saltsburg has fought fraud, waste and abuse at city hall; and has been successful on many fronts; including shutting down various shady projects; winning a Federal free speech/civil rights lawsuit vs L.A. City Council; and is trained in methods for management of quality and productivity; and has been published on the topic.

Top priorities include:

- Homeless encampments are now spreading throughout the city, in places we've never seen. We must reduce the homeless encampments, and it's an emergency, not just a crisis.
- Using platform, as mayoral candidate to urge voters to vote YES on Measure S: Because it related to skyscrapers/traffic/cost of housing/homelessness/affordable housing=it's a big issue; and I am asking for a YES vote on S!
- Implementing Deming's 14 Points (Methods for Management of Quality & Productivity): When people demand to cut the fraud, waste and abuse....this is the actual method. Not hot air, empty exhortations. A lack of Q&P drives up cost of everything.

Mitchell Jack Schwartz

Small Business Person

Political Party: Democrat

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Mitchell Schwartz has spent his entire career serving the public interest. As a political strategist, environmentalist, and entrepreneur, Mitchell has successfully combined strong executive skills and communications expertise with a commitment to community outreach. His résumé includes serving as the California campaign director for Barack Obama in 2008 and as the State Department's communications director.

Top priorities include:

- Fixing the housing crisis by adding 300,000 new units in the next ten years, prioritizing affordable housing, workforce housing, and homeless housing.
- Reforming the Department of Water and Power by demanding Commissioners be elected, a truly independent Ratepayer Advocate, and greater transparency.
- Restoring trust in City Hall by refusing donations from PACs and developers, shutting down the "Mayor's Fund", shutting down my fundraising committee when elected, and serving the full term.

Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles Mayor

Political Party: Democrat

Garcetti, a native of Encino, was voted into office in May 2013 after a bruising battle with former City Controller Wendy Greuel. Highlights during his term include passing a \$15 minimum wage, a new contract with Department of Water and Power workers, a Los Angeles bid for the 2024 Olympics, and the recent passage of the Measure M transit tax.

Top priorities include Basic Services, Homelessness, Economic opportunity

Supported by: Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

YJ J Draiman

Northridge East Neighborhood Council board member from Northridge

Political Party: Independent

Draiman, a retired real estate developer, had run for mayor three years ago. He says he's running again to make a difference: in energy and water conservation; and in bringing business back to Los Angeles.

YJ Draiman is the 4th term lead elected official for the Northridge East Neighborhood Council – NENC, he is also the liaison between the NENC and LADWP. As an Energy Efficiency Advocate YJ Draiman is known for his advancement in implementing Energy efficiency, Renewable energy and Water conservation in the Los Angeles Area. YJ Draiman is promoting his platform of Made in America to bring back to the city of Los Angeles a strong industrial base, increase employment, strengthen education and reduce government and implement fiscal responsibility.

Top priorities include:

- Economy: promoting business and industry to relocate to LA – via tax incentives, reduced bureaucracy, thus employing the unemployed
- Water and Energy – build ponds to retain rainwater from LA River, rainwater harvesting mandatory, grey water, desalinization plant run on renewable energy. Pipeline to bring water from other parts of the country. Porous concrete and asphalt.
- Education: Revamp our education system with quality teachers and proper compensation for good educators. Better and greater funding.

Yuval Kremer

Math Educator/Activist

Top priorities include:

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- "Two Cities", a long-term reform proposal to break the City of LA into 2 new and equal cities, each with an elected Mayor, which would be called North Los Angeles (Valley Cityhood) and West Los Angeles.
- Extending Rent Control (the city's Rent Stabilization Ordinance) to ALL apartments/condos that are being rented in the City of LA, not just those in old buildings (which are being demolished by developers).
- Preserving the character and scale of our Neighborhoods, particularly with regard to Height, by supporting the goals of the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative.

Political Philosophy:

- Increase Hiring in Depleted Services, Control Runaway Pension Costs, Stop Subsidizing Special Interests (like Developers), and Improve Contracting and Asset Sales/Leases, in order to provide More City Services, Reduce Crime, and Lower DWP bills, Less Taxes, Lower Fees and Lower Parking Fines
- Triple Current Level of Bus Service and Reduce Fares in order to restore service that has been cut, make Public Transit Affordable and Convenient, and alleviate Traffic
- No Kill LA County: Stop the Killing of Dogs, Cats, Puppies, and Kittens at City and County Shelters

Paul E. Amori

Creative Artist

Paul E. Amori, founder of the Love Party and three-time Mayor of the Lightning In A Bottle festival, is running for Mayor of Los Angeles to spread love over our fair city.

Amori says his campaign is about making "love" a "core value when deciding policies," says he wants more people to "come together" to help the homeless and to acknowledge "certain people just simply need our love."

Top priorities include:

- Solving Homelessness through Housing first through a housing first Initiative. We have made finding a loving solution to this terrible epidemic the primary focus of our platform by giving it a face and making it about individuals.
- We can't address a permanent solution to homelessness without also doing something to stem the skyrocketing cost of living and the housing shortage in Los Angeles that puts many Angelenos in jeopardy of losing their homes
- I want L.A. to be one of the first cities in the US to push towards embracing and adopting automated car technology and modifying our infrastructure to support it. WE also need to incentivize drivers to remove their vehicles from the road.

Dennis Richter

Factory worker, retired railroad conductor, union and member of the Socialist Workers Party

Political Party: Socialist Workers Party

Top priorities include:

- Jobs - Join with fellow workers to demand and fight for a government-funded public works program to create jobs at union-scale pay to replace crumbling infrastructure, build schools, medical & child care centers; fight for \$15 minimum wage and unions.
- Defend democratic and workers' rights – Defend right to organize unions, oppose deportations and E-verify, defend and guarantee women the right to choose abortion; call for prosecuting cops who kill or brutalize working people.
- Oppose Washington's imperialist military attacks — from Iraq to Afghanistan to Syria. Oppose scapegoating Muslims; and speak out against Jew-hatred, used to divert workers attention from failings of the capitalist system. Oppose embargo against Cuba.

Frantz Pierre

Community Activist

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Mr. Pierre was an “occupier” of the Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Los Angeles movements. He also started the Occupy Hollywood movement, an extension of Occupy Wall Street.

Mr. Pierre is an active member of the Cooperative Movement. He is also a Satyagraha activist, a universal basic income advocate, an artist manager, a fashion designer. He is a Christian who meditates and is currently working on releasing a new book that focuses on Biblical Meditation to help Christians address their fear of meditation in order to gain more peace in their lives. As Mayor, his foundation is on an Economic Revolution platform where he seeks to bring economic and social justice and innovation to Los Angeles so that more citizens can live better lives.

Top priorities include drought relief via de-salination, re-structuring the DWP into a co-op, eradicating homelessness, veterans, animal welfare, creative economy, legalization of marijuana and hemp

Eric Preven

Writer/Producer from Studio City

Top priorities include:

- To ensure the health and safety of every member of the community.
- To provide for good paying and fulfilling jobs for every Angeleno willing to work.
- To promote an educational system of the highest caliber.

City Attorney

Mike Feuer

Los Angeles City Attorney

Political Party: Democrat

Feuer took office as the 8th Los Angeles City Attorney on July 1, 2013. Since taking Office Feuer has nearly tripled the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, launched a broad neighborhood school safety initiative, formed a strike force to combat illegal dumping, taken on wage theft, tackled substandard housing, cracked down on patient dumping, closed more than half the City’s unlawful medical marijuana dispensaries, instituted a program to protect immigrants from fraud, and advanced environmental justice.

In preventing gun violence, Feuer created a Gun Violence Prevention Unit in his office and has worked to keep guns out the hands of criminals and children. Feuer has brought charges against parents who did not properly store firearms which later fell into the hands of their children. Working with the LAPD, he created protocols to assure domestic violence perpetrators do not have weapons. In a national effort, Feuer joined with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. to co-found and chair Prosecutors Against Gun Violence—an independent, non-partisan coalition devoted to prosecutorial and policy solutions to the public health and safety crisis of gun violence.

To reform the justice system that help reduce recidivism and addresses the root causes of crime, Feuer created the Community Justice Initiative—an array of innovative, neighborhood-based programs addressing quality of life crimes, truancy, prostitution, the needs of homeless veterans and more.

Feuer also has played a role in solving municipal problems, including the settlement of L.A.’s decades-long dispute with the Owens Valley (saving the city millions of dollars and vast quantities of water), and a successful fight for transparency in how ratepayer dollars are spent by DWP trusts.

Controller

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Ron S. Galperin

Los Angeles City Controller

Ron Galperin serves as Controller of the City of Los Angeles -- working as the watchdog for L.A.'s taxpayers. Controller Galperin oversees a team conducting independent audits, managing the City's payroll and disbursements, preparing reports on the City's finances, pursuing waste and fraud, providing information about the City's finances and operations online -- and focusing on modernization, management and metrics.

Top priorities include:

- Promote economic development, jobs, and infrastructure. We need a growing, vibrant, and diverse economy to create more opportunities for all Angelenos.
- Improve quality of life and public safety. We need better transportation, cleaner streets, more responsive city services, safer neighborhoods, and emergency preparedness.
- Address our housing and homelessness crises. We need to build more and better homes with greater density and affordability. We also need to increase access to mental health services and get folks into housing.

Los Angeles City Propositions M

Cannabis Regulation After Citizen Input, Taxation and Enforcement

This is one of two competing ballot measures that propose to regulate commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles. This measure is a proposition by the City Council and Mayor.

The other measure on the ballot is a citizen-sponsored initiative.

This ballot proposition, if approved, will retain the authority of the Council and Mayor to create a new regulatory framework after citizen input for commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles and provides for the repeal and replacement of the City's current law regarding medical cannabis activity, Proposition D, which is no longer consistent with State law. This proposition also establishes new gross receipt tax rates for cannabis-related activity and authorizes criminal penalties for violation of the City's laws on commercial cannabis activity.

In 2015, the State legislature passed the "Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act" which created new licensing requirements for medical cannabis activities. In November 2016, California voters approved the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act," which legalized the recreational use of cannabis. These acts also established the rights of local governments to regulate commercial cannabis activity in their jurisdictions. Prior to the passage of these laws, local jurisdictions regulated this activity in a variety of ways. In the City of Los Angeles, Proposition D, passed by the voters in May 2013, allowed for certain medical cannabis dispensaries to operate with potential limited immunity from enforcement. With the passage of these State laws, the City can establish a new regulatory framework or prohibit commercial cannabis activity outright.

This proposition affirms the Council and Mayor's authority to regulate all aspects of commercial cannabis activity in the City. The proposition requires that prior to enacting new laws on commercial cannabis activity, the Council shall convene a series of public hearings with the participation of various stakeholders on this issue. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to, Neighborhood Councils, the Police Department, school officials, probation officers, civic organizations, chambers of commerce, cannabis-related industries and others. This proposition will require the Council to adopt an Ordinance repealing Proposition D, effective on January 1, 2018, unless the Council adopts a Resolution specifying another date for the repeal and would give dispensaries that have been operating lawfully under Proposition D priority licensing under any new framework the Council and Mayor approve.

The proposition establishes the following gross receipt tax rates for commercial cannabis activity, effective January 1, 2018:

- \$100 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from sales of cannabis and/or cannabis products;

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- \$50 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from sales of medical cannabis and/or medical cannabis products;
- \$10 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from transport, testing or research of cannabis and/or cannabis products;
- \$20 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from manufacture or cultivation of cannabis and/or cannabis products; and
- \$20 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from the commercialization of cannabis and/or cannabis products not specifically taxed under the rates specified above.

The proposition also makes it unlawful to engage in commercial cannabis activity without a license after January 1, 2018, and establishes criminal and civil penalties for violations. These include fines, nuisance abatement and the possible disconnection of water and power services to unlawfully operated commercial cannabis businesses.

If both of the competing ballot measures are approved by a majority of voters, the ballot measure that receives the most votes will become effective.

Fiscal Impact:

This measure will allow the City to establish new regulations and enforcement measures, after public input, for commercial cannabis activity. Additionally, starting January 1, 2018, the gross receipt tax on medical cannabis sales will be reduced from 6% to 5% and the gross receipts tax will be applied for recreational cannabis sales at 10%. Furthermore, the gross receipts tax will be established at 1% to 2% for transportation, testing or research, manufacturing, cultivation, or other commercialization of cannabis.

The impact of this measure cannot be currently quantified. Revenue loss from decreasing the medical cannabis tax and additional expenditures for expanded regulatory and enforcement efforts may be offset by revenues from taxes, permits, fees, and fines related to recreational and commercial cannabis activities.

Gross receipt tax revenue is deposited in the General Fund and is used to fund police, fire, street services, parks, libraries and other general purposes throughout the City.

Supporters:

- Craig Lally, President, Los Angeles Police Protective League,
- Lill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
- Charlie Beck, Chief of Police, City of Los Angeles
- Mary Leslie, President, Los Angeles Business Council
- Minnie Hadley-Hempstead, President, NAACP Los Angeles
- Yamileth Bolanos, Medical Marijuana Advocate
- Rusty Hicks, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- Steven K. Lubell, Commissioner (ret.), Superior Court of California

Arguments in favor of Prop M:

Now that the voters of California have approved the sale and use of marijuana by adults in the state, it is up to each city to decide how to license, regulate and tax local marijuana operations.

PROPOSITION M will give the residents of Los Angeles a voice in writing the rules for our city.

PROPOSITION M allows parents and teachers to help determine how to keep children from being exposed to advertising of marijuana products and establish limits on how far marijuana stores must be from schools, youth centers and parks.

PROPOSITION M allows neighborhood associations to help decide how many marijuana stores there can be in any neighborhood and how far they must be from residential areas.

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PROPOSITION M allows police officials to help develop methods to enforce laws against driving under the influence of marijuana.

PROPOSITION M allows business leaders to recommend how to limit the number of marijuana stores in commercial areas to avoid the kind of saturation we see with liquor stores in some neighborhoods. In addition, PROPOSITION M –

- Sets tough fines and penalties for unauthorized marijuana sales
- Helps local police prevent crime
- Assures that the city will be able to close down illegal marijuana stores, and
- Creates certainty and a regulatory framework for businesses that operate legally

If you want to make sure the voices of all the people of Los Angeles are heard when it comes time to license, regulate and tax marijuana, you will vote YES ON PROPOSITION M. VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION M.

Arguments against Prop M:

No arguments in opposition to Measure M were submitted for inclusion on the ballot. The proponents of Measure N, the competing citizen initiative, abandoned support of their initiative and supported the approval of Measure M instead.

Los Angeles City Propositions N Cannabis Activity Permits, Regulation and Taxation

This is one of two competing ballot measures that propose to regulate commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles. This measure is an initiative ordinance. The other measure on the ballot is a City-sponsored proposition.

This citizen-sponsored ballot initiative, if approved, would establish a permitting system and a regulatory scheme allowing for commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles, prioritizing licensing for existing, legally-operating medical cannabis businesses and maintaining at least 135 dispensaries in the City unless that number is increased by the City Council. This initiative would authorize commercial cannabis activity in the City, and establish a new Los Angeles Department of Marijuana Regulation to issue permits and enforce regulations for commercial cannabis activities. This initiative would also establish a tax of \$80 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from the sale of recreational cannabis and establish specified zoning rules for the location of commercial cannabis businesses, with some exceptions for existing locations. Passage of this initiative ordinance would restrict Council and the Mayor's ability to create or amend the rules or modify enforcement mechanisms for operation of commercial cannabis activities.

In 2015, the State legislature passed the "Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act" which created new licensing requirements for medical cannabis businesses. In November 2016, California voters approved the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)," which legalized the recreational use of cannabis. These acts also established the rights of local governments to regulate commercial cannabis activity in their jurisdictions. Prior to the passage of these laws, local jurisdictions regulated this activity in a variety of ways. In the City of Los Angeles, Proposition D, passed by the voters in May 2013, allowed for certain medical cannabis dispensaries to operate with potential limited immunity from enforcement. With the passage of these State laws, the City can establish a new regulatory framework or prohibit commercial cannabis activity outright. This initiative would replace Proposition D with a new regulatory scheme that allows for a variety of commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles.

This initiative would grant priority licensing and other preferences to dispensaries operating under Proposition D if they are in substantial compliance with the law, as specified in the initiative. Proposition D compliant businesses would be given priority to apply for a permit for the dispensing or onsite cultivation of cannabis until December 31, 2019. This initiative would also authorize commercial medical cannabis

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activity permit holders to sell recreational cannabis as allowed for under AUMA, and allow licensed cannabis businesses to transfer their licenses to new operators.

This initiative establishes regulations for the operation of commercial cannabis businesses, including background check requirements for employees and operators, security requirements, standard operating hours and requirements on distances from schools or other sensitive use facilities and from other commercial cannabis activities, with some land-use exemptions for some Proposition D compliant businesses. The initiative allows for a variety of other commercial cannabis activities, including manufacturing, testing, distribution and transport.

This initiative creates a two-tiered enforcement system. For non-permitted commercial cannabis activity, the initiative authorizes penalties, and violators could be subject to misdemeanor charges, nuisance abatement procedures and fines. For permit holders, one violation would result in a 'correction letter,' a second violation in a two-year period could result in an infraction, a third violation in a permit suspension and a fourth violation in possible misdemeanor charges, nuisance abatement procedures or permit revocation.

If both of the competing ballot measures are approved by a majority of voters, the ballot measure that receives the most votes will become effective.

Fiscal Impact:

This measure will establish a new permit program for commercial cannabis activity in the City and create a new Department of Marijuana Regulation. Additionally, a new gross receipts tax rate for recreational cannabis sales will be set at 8% and the current rate for medical cannabis sales will remain unchanged at 6%.

The impact of this measure cannot be currently quantified. Revenue from new permits, fees and fines implemented for commercial cannabis activity and tax revenue from recreational cannabis sales may offset costs for a new department and expanded regulation and enforcement efforts. The measure limits permits to 135 cannabis establishments, unless otherwise increased by the City. Existing dispensaries operating in compliance with current City law may be granted a licensing priority.

Gross receipt tax revenue is deposited in the General Fund and is used to fund police, fire, street services, parks, libraries and other general purposes throughout the City.

Supporters:

The following individuals signed the official argument submitted in support of Measure N. The official proponents of Measure N ultimately opposed their own initiative and supported the city council's ordinance Measure M instead. They urged voters to reject Measure N and vote yes on Measure M. These official proponents are listed below:

- Kerrie Randolph, Proponent Initiative Ordinance N
- Diana De La Mora, Proponent Initiative Ordinance N
- Carlos Delatorre, Proponent Initiative Ordinance N
- Gail Mackenzie-Smith, Proponent Initiative Ordinance N
- Corey Schwartz, Proponent Initiative Ordinance N

Arguments in favor of Prop N:

As the official proponents of Initiative Ordinance N, we no longer believe that this measure is in the City's best interests.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to VOTE NO ON INITIATIVE ORDINANCE N.

Instead, we believe that Initiative Ordinance M is better for the City, and therefore we urge you to VOTE YES ON INITIATIVE ORDINANCE M.

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Opponents:

- Craig Lally, President, Los Angeles Police Protective League,
- Lill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
- Charlie Beck, Chief of Police, City of Los Angeles
- Mary Leslie, President, Los Angeles Business Council
- Minnie Hadley-Hempstead, President, NAACP Los Angeles
- Yamileth Bolanos, Medical Marijuana Advocate
- Rusty Hicks, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- Steven K. Lubell, Commissioner (ret.), Superior Court of California

Arguments against of Prop N:

Even the original backers of Initiative Ordinance N now agree that [Proposition M](#) will make Los Angeles a safer and more secure city and urge you to VOTE YES on M and NO on N.

- Initiative Ordinance N would create a monopoly on licenses to sell marijuana and freeze out any competition.
- Initiative Ordinance N would open marijuana stores within two blocks of a school.
- Initiative Ordinance N would open marijuana stores within one block of parks, playgrounds, churches, youth centers or child care facilities.
- Initiative Ordinance N would permit advertising of marijuana products where it can be seen by children and teens.
- Initiative Ordinance N would go easy with minimal penalties if they violate city regulations covering their marijuana stores.
- Initiative Ordinance N was written without consulting law enforcement officials, local neighborhood councils, homeowners associations, educators or child welfare officials about what they think is best for the city and its residents.

Initiative Ordinance N was written without any input from residents, law enforcement, and businesses in the city.

VOTE NO on INITIATIVE ORDINANCE N.

Charter Amendment P

Maximum Term of Harbor Department Leases

Currently, City Charter Section 607 provides that the maximum allowable length of franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and leases that may be issued by the City's three proprietary departments shall not exceed 30 years, or the term specified by applicable state and federal law, whichever is less. It further states that if the City Council finds that a term longer than 30 years is in the City's best interests, a term not to exceed 50 years may be authorized with a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

Existing state law, under Section 1 of Chapter 651 of the Statutes of 1929, protects the public's right to use California waterways for commerce, navigation, fishing, boating, natural habitat protection, and other water oriented activities. Under these protections, the City of Los Angeles is granted in trust, all rights, title, and interest of State tidelands and submerged lands within the boundaries of the City for certain purposes, including promotion of commerce, navigation, and fishery. Prior to October 2015, this law also authorized the City to issue franchises, permits and leases in connection with those lands [through its Harbor Department] for terms not to exceed 50 years.

In October 2015, this state law was amended to allow the Harbor Department to issue franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and leases for a maximum term of 66 years, if permitted under City law. However, the City Charter limits the terms to 50 years, creating an inconsistency between state and local laws.

If approved, this proposed measure would amend Charter Section 607 to increase the maximum allowable term applicable to the Harbor Department's franchises, concessions, permits, licenses and

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leases from the current maximum allowable of 50 years to a new maximum allowable of 66 years, consistent with new state law. Other provisions of this Charter section would remain unchanged.

This measure would become effective if approved by a majority vote.

Fiscal Impact:

This City Charter amendment changes the maximum term for franchise, concession, permit, license, and lease agreements issued by the Harbor Department from the current fifty (50) years to a new maximum of sixty-six (66) years, consistent with State law. The proposed Charter amendment would retain language in Charter Section 607(a) requiring Council approval of long-term leases.

Any fiscal impact in costs and revenue to the Harbor Department and City cannot be determined until future agreements subject to this amendment are proposed by the Harbor Department and reviewed as part of a public approval process.

The measure potentially impacts the Harbor Revenue Fund. There is no anticipated impact to the City's General Fund.

Initiative Ordinance S

Building Moratorium; Restrictions on General Plan Amendments; Required Review of General Plan

This citizen-initiated ordinance, if adopted, will amend City law to impose a maximum two-year moratorium on certain development projects, with specified exceptions; restrict General Plan amendments; require periodic review of the General Plan and Community Plans; impose requirements on General Plan review and environmental impact report preparation; and, limit reduction of required parking. It would also restrict the City's ability to issue building or demolition permits for previously approved projects which meet certain criteria.

This ordinance would impose a maximum two-year moratorium on the approval of new projects seeking General Plan amendments or zone and height district changes which would result in a more intense land use, such as a less restrictive zone or the construction of a higher structure; an increase in floor area ratio, density or height; or, a net loss of land zoned for open space, agricultural, or industrial areas.

Similarly, the ordinance would impose a maximum two-year building moratorium by prohibiting the issuance of a building or demolition permit on a previously approved project that the City granted a General Plan amendment, zone or height district change that resulted in a more intense land use; an increase in floor area ratio, density or height; or, a net loss of land zoned for open space, agricultural or industrial areas.

Exceptions to the two-year moratorium would be provided for projects with 100% affordable housing that apply for a zone or height change but do not seek a General Plan amendment; projects necessary to comply with a City-issued order relative to an unsafe or substandard condition; projects for which a vested right has been obtained under state law or the Municipal Code; and, certain residential projects.

If approved, this ordinance will restrict General Plan amendments to areas meeting one or more of the following criteria: (1) entire community or district plan area; (2) entire area included in a specific plan; (3) entire Neighborhood Council area; and/or (4) an area of 15 acres or more. The ordinance would establish a public process for the systematic review and possible amendments to the General Plan, 35 Community Plans and the Port and Airport District Plans every five years. The City would be required to adopt a schedule in advance for this public review process.

The preparation of environmental clearances is also proposed to change if the ordinance is approved, wherein it will require the City or its third party consultant to prepare any required environmental impact

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report, rather than the applicant, subject to possible reimbursement. The ordinance proposes to limit allowable reductions in on-site and off-site parking requirements for projects located in transit corridors to no more than one-third of the number required by City codes. If approved, the ordinance will require City decision makers to make findings that the project is consistent with the General Plan.

This measure would become effective with a majority vote.

Fiscal Impact:

This measure will amend City laws related to the General Plan, void inconsistent zoning laws, and impose a two-year building moratorium, with certain exceptions, on projects seeking amendments, zone or height-district changes.

This measure will cost the City millions of dollars in lost revenue from permits, licenses, and other fees charged to impacted projects. Additionally, services and community benefits funded through associated mitigation impact fees and other exactions related to development will decrease by millions of dollars. To offset this revenue loss, the City may have to reduce existing staffing levels. The decrease in building, planning, and public works activity in the City during and immediately after the building moratorium will determine the extent of the revenue loss and staff reductions. The number of projects that will be subject to the moratorium after the effective date of this measure and their impact on the local economy is unknown.

Supporters:

- Coalition to Preserve L.A. (CPLA)
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- Michael Weinstein
- Albert K. Ruiz
- Peter Reis
- Marijane Jackson
- Gerard Kensica
- Richard J. Riordan, Former Mayor of Los Angeles
- Kenneth S. Alpern, M.D., Chairman of The Transit Coalition
- Rev. Alice Callaghan, Founder of Las Familias del Pueblo Skid Row
- Mabel Change, Former President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission
- Gloria Romero, Former California State Senate Majority Leader
- Opal M. Young, president of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Homeowners Coalition
- Sean Chandra, Esq., Los Angeles Tenants Union
- Grace Yoo, co-founder of the Environmental Justice Collaborative

Arguments for Ordinance S:

Billionaire Developers are Ruining LA — Towering Buildings, Traffic, Destruction of Rent Controlled Housing. We can stop them only through Change at City Hall. Records show that billionaire developers shower City Hall leaders with millions of dollars. Then in backroom meetings, our leaders work out plans with these billionaires. In the end, billionaire developers get to skip around our protective zoning rules. At terrible cost to you and your family. Mayor Garcetti agrees that these rewards to developers “must become the rare exceptions.” But the L.A. Times has uncovered major corruption, now being investigated by our LA District Attorney: A luxury complex got built between warehouses, where it’s not allowed, after vast amounts of money flowed to City Hall politicians’ pockets. The “Sea Breeze” scandal shows how developers bypass our land-use rules. “Pay to play” is wrong. Buying votes is wrong. It’s destroying LA.

Yes on S is our best hope for controlling the Manhattanization of LA and the mega-developments that clog our streets with traffic, disrupt stable neighborhoods and create congested canyons of luxury towers.

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Yes on S empowers all of us to shape the future of our communities, not just billionaire developers. City Hall has blindly allowed 22,000 rent-controlled units to be destroyed, displacing our seniors and working-class. They've jammed skyscrapers into once-affordable communities. On a nearly weekly basis, City Hall breaks the rules — to reward billionaire developers. They're destroying our open space, severely increasing traffic and overwhelming our water, sewer and emergency services.

Yes on S. Save Our Neighborhoods by ending this politically rigged system. Yes on S establishes a reasonable 2-year ban on “spot zoning” that will halt the rule-breakers who build 5% of LA's buildings. This small pool of politically connected developers cause a huge negative impact on our neighborhoods.

Yes on S Encourages Affordable Housing! Housing, new shops, restaurants will all flourish. And the vast majority of affordable housing plans will be protected under this moratorium. Meanwhile, after years of billionaire developer influence, voters will require City Hall to sensibly plan ahead for LA's growth.

Yes on S. For Accountability and Transparency. Yes on S stops billionaire developers from writing their own self-serving environmental reports, which far too often downplay the traffic and environmental damage their mega-developments cause. And Yes on S forces City Hall to hold key Community Planning hearings in the communities at night — not Downtown during the day, when lobbyists usually dominate.

Yes on S. We Deserve Politicians Who Work for Us, Not Billionaire Developers. In 2005, our City Council quietly voted to abandon its core duty of updating the blueprint for LA, called a General Plan. In every great city, this Plan is updated every 5 years to adapt to change.

But thanks to our irresponsible City Council, much of our Plan is 20 years old — and our embarrassing infrastructure “plans” are far older.

Opponents:

- Rusty Hicks, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Frank Lima, President, Los Angeles County United Firefighters of Los Angeles City
- Elise Buik, President & CEO, United Way of Greater Los Angeles
- Paavo Monkkonen, Professor of Urban Planning UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- Gary Toebben, President & CEO, Los Angeles Area of Chamber of Commerce
- Jonathan Parfrey, Executive Director, Climate Resolve
- Alan Greenlee, Executive Director, Southern California Association Of Non-Profit Housing
- Carol Newman, Secretary, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
- Anne Miskey, Chief Executive Officer, Downtown Women's Center
- Jay Handal, Treasurer, West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Arguments Against Ordinance S:

Measure S is a poorly written measure that goes too far. It will cost our city billions in economic activity, block voter-approved efforts to build affordable and homeless housing, and drive our city back into recession. That's why a broad coalition of people and organizations from across Los Angeles say Vote NO on Measure S.”

-Jay Handal, Treasurer, West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council*

Economic studies show Measure S will not fix our planning process but will instead destroy 24,000 jobs, eliminate \$3.8 billion in economic activity, and drive our city back into recession. According to economists and other experts, this poorly written and complicated measure will:

- destroy 24,000 jobs, costing workers \$1.28 billion in lost wages
- eliminate \$3.8 billion in economic activity, and drive our city back into recession
- block the building of voter-approved affordable and homeless housing

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- cost taxpayers \$140 million in lost revenue needed for police, firefighters, and other vital city services

That's why so many responsible community leaders and organizations say vote NO on Measure S. The United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles firefighters, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, labor unions, environmentalists, and nonprofit groups that advocate for affordable housing and the homeless all agree Measure S is bad for Los Angeles. Even the L.A. Times called Measure S "a recipe for higher housing costs, more homelessness and greater inequality."

"We need to fix L.A.'s planning process, but Measure S goes too far and will destroy jobs, immediately harm our fragile economic recovery, and stop efforts to build affordable housing and address the homelessness crisis. Vote NO on S, it is a poorly written law that goes too far and hurts our city and residents.

Los Angeles Community College District Member of the Board of Trustees Seat 2 Steve Goldstein

Community College Advocate

Listed in the official city ballot as a "Community College Advocate," online searches turn up no other information about him.

Steven Veres

College Teacher

Steve Veres led the turnaround of America's largest Community College system. As the President of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, he increased fiscal accountability, promoted transparency, and cleaned up the district's construction problems. Under his leadership, the LA Community College District has balanced its budget, improved credit ratings, and expanded critical job training programs.

- Improve graduation and transfer rates and expand job-training programs.
- Responsibly manage and equitably distribute the District's budget.
- Prioritize funding to the expand the most in-demand courses.

Sergio Vargas

Education Advocate

Listed in the official city ballot as an "Education Advocate," Vargas is another candidate for whom no relevant information exists in public searches.

Thomas J Norman

College Professor/Businessperson

- Maintain and improve the quality of education while expanding access to non-traditional students.
- Work with the City of Los Angeles and State of California to provide two years of free higher education to all residents of the LACCD.
- Improve the ease of transferring credits to 4-year California public universities (CSUs and UCs) for transfer students.

Los Angeles Community College District Member of the Board of Trustees Seat 4 Dallas Denise Fowler

Los Angeles Commissioner/Educator

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- Ensure safe campus environment, Expand L.A. College Promise and build up programs to 4 year degree...I believe quality higher education is a basic human right necessary for success
- Increase Career Technical Training, Partner with local industries and companies to connect our students with actual jobs, Establish a student credit union and one credit hour financial literacy training for all degree programs
- Be a fiscal watchdog against waste or fraud and protect the 3.3 billion dollar bond monies coming in from Measure CC, Increase enrollment and revenue via premium programs with celebrity instruction and marketing with an emphasis on actual programs

Supporters:

- National Women's Political Caucus - L.A. Metro Chapter
- West L.A. Democratic Club
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- UTLA - United Teachers Los Angeles
- Avance Democratic Club - Largest Latino Democratic Club in CA
- Democratic Party of San Fernando Valley
- Los Angeles County Young Democrats
- Progressive Democratic Club
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- West-Hollywood Beverly Hills Democratic Club
- Pilipino American Los Angeles Democrats
- New Frontier Democratic Club - Oldest Historically African American Democratic Club
- San Pedro Democratic Club
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Westchester-Playa Democratic Club
- Miracle Mile Democratic Club
- U.S. Representative Karen Bass
- CA State Controller Betty Yee
- Nancy Pearlman, Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees Seat 6
- Mayor of Inglewood James Butts
- Steve Zimmer, President, LAUSD Board
- Senator Steve Bradford, CA State Senate
- Dr. George McKenna, Vice President, LAUSD School Board
- Senator Holly Mitchell, CA State Senate
- Board of Equalization Member Jerome E. Horton
- Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma
- Juwane Hilton, Carson City Council
- Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City Council
- Autumn Burke, CA State Assembly
- Christina Garcia, CA State Assembly
- Dr. Dartagnan Scorza, Inglewood Unified School District
- Nury Martinez, Los Angeles City Council
- Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles City Council
- Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Los Angeles City Council
- Herb Wesson, President, Los Angeles City Council
- Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Council
- Harold Williams, West Basin Municipal Water District
- Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District
- Donald Dear West Basin Municipal Water District
- Bob Blumenfield, Los Angeles City Council
- Curren Price, Los Angeles City Council

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Ernest H. Moreno

Community College Trustee

On March 5, 2013, Ernest H. Moreno was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District after 42 years as a District employee.

From community college student to college president, Mr. Moreno has served LACCD in many roles since 1969. He became President of East Los Angeles College in January 1, 1994, and with the exception of an interim assignment as President of Los Angeles Mission College from 2006 to 2008, he continued in that capacity until his retirement in 2011.

Previously, Mr. Moreno has held positions in employee relations including Director of Labor Relations and District's Chief Negotiations; Dean of Academic Affairs at West Los Angeles College, Senior Director of Educational Services for the District, and Vice President of Academic Affairs at East Los Angeles College.

He was a member of the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees from 1989 to 2006.

Mr. Moreno taught business administration, supervision and management, and labor relations at Los Angeles Trade Technical College from 1976 to 1986, and political science at West Los Angeles College from 1986 to 2006. A product of the San Gabriel Valley Unified School District, he attended California State University, Los Angeles where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. He also earned a Masters in public administration from California State University, Long Beach.

Mr. Moreno is Chairman and member of the Board of Directors of Monterey Park Hospital and a member of the Board of Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health.

Los Angeles Community College District Member of the Board of Trustees Seat 6

Gabriel Buelna

College Professor

I've seen hundreds of LACCD students in my classes at CSUN over the years. I strongly identify with these young people. They need and deserve our best. That's why I decided to run for College Board.

Many of these students remind me of myself at their age. I was a minority from an immigrant family. Money was tight; school was a challenge; and many pressures worked against the very idea of college.

Yet with the help of my family and teachers (plus some courses at West L.A. Community College!) I stayed in school, went on to university and to graduate school. Now I'm working to inspire a passion for learning in a new generation.

That's the kind of success I want for all LACCD students. So I'm running to bring some badly-needed perspectives to the Board of Trustees:

- **We need a Board that understands the challenges facing students today.** In addition to teaching, I work every day with families and children who are struggling to make it. So I know the kinds of barriers that discourage too many students from starting (and finishing!) their educations. I want to focus on support services that help students overcome those barriers.
- **We need academic standards that help students succeed at the next level.** I've been teaching at CSU for many years. So I have a clear view of how well – or, sometimes, how poorly – LACCD students are prepared for university-level work. Every

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student enrolled in our District should be finishing with a degree, or a certificate, that prepares them for further schooling or a good job.

- **We need fiscal discipline so students are not shortchanged by wasteful spending.** Sadly, LACCD has a history of poorly managed bond funds. Now that voters have provided new funding, I want every penny accounted for and spent directly to benefit our students. I'm an experienced manager, running an agency with a multi-million-dollar budget and over a hundred employees. So I know how to balance a budget, make a payroll and guard against waste.

Our community colleges should be engines of economic opportunity and success. Just as they helped change my life at a critical time, and just as they helped my parents become citizens a generation earlier, I want them to help today's students find good jobs and achieve their dreams.

Supporters:

- Los Angeles Times
- State Senator Kevin de León
- Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney
- Laborers' Local 300
- HONOR PAC
- Councilmember Jose Huizar, 14th District
- California Faculty Association, CSUN Chapter
- Southern California Armenian Democrats.
- UA Local 250 Steamfitters/Refrigeration
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- AVANCE L.A. Democratic Club
- The Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP)
- Los Angeles College Faculty Guild (AFT Local 1521)
- Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36 (AFL-CIO CLC)
- UNITE HERE Local 11
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local No. 36
- Congressman Tony Cardenas
- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson
- Assembly Member Miguel Santiago
- Jorge Morales, Council Member, Southgate
- Edgar Cisneros, Montebello Unified School Board Member
- Fr. Richard Estrada
- Antonio Gallo, ESQ, California Faculty Association Chair
- Dr. Juana Mora, Vice President, Cal State Northridge
- David Vela, Former Montebello School Board Member
- Councilmember Nestor Enrique Valencia, City of Bell
- General Vice President for Immigration, Civil Rights, and Diversity – Maria Elena Durazo

Nancy Pearlman

Community College Trustee

On March 7, 2017, Nancy Pearlman will be running for her fifth term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). As an environmentalist, anthropologist, educator, and broadcaster, Nancy has dedicated her life to public service.

As the longest serving Trustee, Nancy has the most experience and history of any current trustee and is dedicated to the Los Angeles Community College District. She has been active in the

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conservation/ecological/green movement for over 46 years and is the strongest environmentalist on the Board of Trustees.

Having attended City College in the late 1960s, Nancy has a BA from UCLA and a MA from Antioch University. She has taught in the LACCD at Harbor, West, Valley, Trade, and Southwest Colleges.

As a trustee Nancy will continue her work to:

- Improve Student Success by providing strong academic support
- Maintain fiscal accountability
- Continue the green and modern building/facilities programs
- Make campuses ecological, safe, and sustainable

When first elected in 2001, Nancy led the campaign to have the nation's largest green public building program as the nine colleges renovated and built facilities to meet the educational master plans for the 21st century. A LEED certified and silver standard was adopted for over 250 building projects under a six billion dollar bond program. She continues to make sure that the buildings will be ecological.

Other concerns Nancy is focused on includes:

- making campuses secure and safe with strong security
- reducing student fees ("tuition") and reducing student loans
- ensuring that all colleges have full accreditation
- having special programs to assist veterans, disabled, low-performing, and first-time students
- getting student passes for buses and the metro
- improving the scholarship offerings of the district and colleges foundations

Nancy is also focused on making the general operations and maintenance activities green and sustainable. She consistently advocates and leads the effort for a Board Sustainability Committee. In addition, she tries to increase the environmental studies curriculum in the academic program.

Specifically, Nancy is:

- improving water and energy conservation especially by increasing the number of solar panels
- trying to eliminate all toxic cleaners and pesticides and other dangerous chemicals from campuses
- removing non-native grasses and plantings and planting native vegetation
- having effective recycling programs at all colleges
- purchasing recycled products such as paper and restroom supplies

Nancy is the only trustee on the Board that has visited the LACCD's Gold Creek Ecological Field Station in Little Tujunga and advocates for funding for a full-time faculty coordinator and to improve the site with compost toilets, solar panels (for nighttime classes), and exotic weed

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removal. This gem of a natural area is unique and needs to be protected and preserved. She was also instrumental in having the LACCD joining the Southern California Marine Institute.

Supporters:

- East Area Los Angeles Progressive Democrats
- SEIU #99
- International Union of Operating Engineers Local #12
- Plumbers Local Union #78
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Americans for Democratic Action, Southern California
- Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
- American Federation of Teachers, College Staff Guild, Los Angeles, Local 1521A, AFL-CIO
- Los Angeles City Councilperson Bob Blumenfield
- Former LACCD Trustee Mona Field
- Former LACCD Trustee and Former California Assemblyman Warren Furutani
- LACCD Trustee Sydney Kamlager-Dove
- LACCD Trustee Andra Hoffman
- California Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
- Congressman Brad Sherman
- Hon. Robert Hertzberg, Former State Senator
- Hon. Kevin Mckeown, Santa Monica City Councilman and Former Mayor of the City of Santa Monica, Chair
- California State Controller John Chiang
- Los Angeles City Councilperson Mike Bonin
- Los Angeles City Councilperson Nury Martinez

Los Angeles Unified School District Member of the Board of Education, Board District 6

Kelly Fitzpatrick-Gonez

Public School Teacher

Fitzpatrick-Gonez is a science teacher at a charter middle school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She was appointed as an education policy advisor for the Obama Administration in 2014. Fitzpatrick-Gonez earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree in urban education from Loyola Marymount University.

Every child deserves an excellent education, regardless of life circumstances, and fighting to make this idea a reality has been my life's work. I learned the importance of education firsthand from my parents. My father, who was raised in a family of ten by a single mom and grew up outside of Detroit, works at a small manufacturing business in Van Nuys. My mother is an immigrant from Perú who received her postsecondary education at Pacoima Skills Center, an LAUSD adult school and has worked for many years helping others at a local hospital in Mission Hills.

After graduating from high school in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, I attended UC Berkeley, where I worked three jobs, over 50 hours a week, in order to pay my way through college and help support my working family. It was this experience that led to my decision to return home and to serve our community as a teacher in LAUSD. I served as a geometry teacher at a district high school and as a 6th grade science teacher in Lakeview Terrace.

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I was appointed by President Obama as an education advisor in his Administration where I had the honor to lead the Obama Administration's successful advocacy to increase education funding and support for special populations of students, including English language learners, immigrant students, homeless students, students in foster care, justice-involved youth, and others.

Through my years of experience as a teacher and advisor to President Obama, I know that the single most important thing we can do is invest in education. I have a proven record of successful advocacy, including securing over \$50 million in additional education funding for our most vulnerable students and families. With your support, I look forward to continuing this fight for educational equity as a member of the LAUSD Board of Education.

Supporters:

- *Los Angeles Times*
- Avance Democratic Club
- International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 13
- North Valley Democratic Club
- State Assemblyman Matt Dababneh (D-45)
- San Fernando Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo
- San Fernando City Councilwoman Sylvia Ballin
- Los Angeles Unified Board of Education member Ref Rodriguez
- Yolie Flores - Former Member, LAUSD Board of Education
- John King - Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
- Richard Riordan - Former Mayor, City of Los Angeles
- Antonio Villaraigosa - Former Mayor, City of Los Angeles
- California Charter Schools Association

Jose Sandoval

Animal Rights Educator

Listed in the official city ballot as an "Animal Rights Educator," Sandoval is another candidate for whom no relevant information exists in public searches.

Patty Lopez

Assembly Member

Lopez was born in Michoacán, Mexico. She moved to the United States when she was 10 years old. Before she was elected to the California State Assembly in 2014, she worked on an assembly line in Valencia. She and her husband have two adult daughters. She also raised two of her nieces.

Gwendolyn R. Posey

Education Advocate

Listed in the official city ballot as an "Education Advocate," Posey is another candidate for whom no relevant information exists in public searches.

Imelda Padilla

Community Youth Advocate

Padilla is a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Commission on Woman and Girls. She previously worked as a community organizer for Pacoima Beautiful and for the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy. Padilla founded the nonprofit Together We Do More. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley. She is working on her master's degree in public administration from the California State University of Northridge.

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My name is Imelda Padilla and I am the proud daughter of a landscape-gardener and a warehouse worker who was born and raised in Sun Valley. In fact, I still live in my childhood home, I attended all my local schools, Roscoe Middle School, Bryd Middle School, and Polytechnic High School, and I am determined to give kids like me an opportunity to be change agents.

Today, too many outside interests burden our neighborhood schools with bureaucratic red tape making it challenging for quality teaching to reach the desks of students. Rather than encouraging kids to pursue post-secondary opportunities, the Los Angeles Unified School District has put forward an adult agenda disconnected from classrooms. I intend to focus on the needs of all students and educators by being solutions oriented to ensure every child reaches their fullest potential.

The Los Angeles Unified School District has had many challenges over the years from struggling neighborhood schools to failed programs costing our families millions of dollars. However, there are pockets of quality programs that continue to nurture our youth to graduate from top universities the way my sisters and I did, but we do little to help those programs grow and service more children.

As a youth and labor organizer, I have a winning record in fighting for the needs of all students; demanding resources be redirected to our students and parents. I've devoted my life to advocating for our most vulnerable and will not stop until we reach 100% graduation.

Our fight for quality education needs individuals like you to join this campaign. We need to protect our kids from outside interests to remain focused on closing the achievement gap. With your help, we can get back to making every school in this district competitive, safe, teacher driven, accessible to parents, and able to serve all students.

Supporters:

- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- United Teachers Los Angeles
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 99
- California School Employees Association AFL-CIO
- Los Angeles School Police Association
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters 572
- Laborers' International Union of North America L.U. 300
- Carpenters of Los Angeles County
- United Association of Plumbers Los Angeles, Local 78
- United Association of Welders, Local 250
- San Fernando Valley Young Democrats
- Stonewall Democrats Club
- Pro-Active Democrats (PAD)
- Latinas Lead California
- Congressman Tony Cardenas (D-29)
- California Secretary of State Alex Padilla (D)
- State Sen. Robert Hertzberg (D-18)
- State Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (D-39)
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez
- San Fernando Mayor Robert Gonzales
- San Fernando City Councilman Antonio Lopez

Top Priorities include:

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- **FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** Imelda will fight to ensure that our schools receive the fair funding they need in order to deliver a quality education. Every child deserves a great school with the right resources and well-trained teachers.
- **IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** Too many students are allowed to fall behind their peers, and they never catch up. Imelda will help make sure kids get the extra support they need. And, she'll create new incentives to help experienced skilled teachers
- **INCREASED PARENTAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.** We need to make sure parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education. Imelda will help empower parents and taxpayers, and ensure that their participation and input are welcome.

Araz Parseghian

Educator/Parent/Businessman

Parseghian works as a loan officer. He holds an M.B.A. and has worked in the finance field for 17 years. He and his wife have two daughters.

Supporters:

- Southern California Armenian Democrats
- State Sen. Scott Wilk (R-21)
- Glendale City Councilman Zareh Sinanyan
- Burbank Unified Board of Education member Armond Aghakhanian
- Glendale Unified Board of Education President Armina Gharpetian
- Glendale Unified Board of Education Clerk Greg Krikorian

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