

Los Angeles County Consolidated Municipal and Special Elections May 16, 2017 Expanded Voter Information

Measure C

Los Angeles Civilian Review of Police Disciplinary Matters

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the City Council to provide that a police officer who is entitled to a Police Department Board of Rights hearing for a disciplinary matter may select a Board of Rights composed of all civilian members?

If the City Council adopts such an ordinance, the Los Angeles Police Department could incur additional costs of approximately \$280,000 annually to retain the services of additional civilian hearing officers. A yes vote is a vote in favor of adopting an ordinance that would allow police officers accused of misconduct to select a hearing board of three civilians.

A no vote is a vote against adopting an ordinance that would allow police officers to select a hearing board of three civilians, thereby maintaining the current board composition of two command-level police officers and one civilian.

Supporters:

- CRAIG LALLY, President Los Angeles Police Protective League
- ANTHONY PACHECO, Former President, Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners
- JOHN (JAY) HANDAL, Co-Chair Neighborhood Budget Advocates
- CYNTHIA MCCLAIN-HILL, Commissioner Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners
- MITCHELL ENGLANDER, Chair of Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee
- SANDRA L. FIGUEROA VILLA, Executive Director, El Centro del Pueblo, a Non-Profit Organization to Alleviate the Negative Effects of Gang Violence
- JIMMIE WOODS-GRAY, Community Activist

Arguments in favor of Measure C:

Ensuring trust between residents and our City's police officers is critical to effective community policing and creating safe neighborhoods. Charter Amendment C is a much-needed measure to strengthen that trust by increasing civilian oversight over the Los Angeles Police Department.

The vast majority of Los Angeles police officers are hard-working, care about our community, and do their jobs well, but we need to make sure officers who act inappropriately are held accountable. Charter Amendment C increases civilian oversight of the police discipline process, providing a check and balance against any police misconduct, while protecting the rights and interests of residents.

Arguments against Measure C:

[Los Angeles Times says NO](#)

April 24, 2017 - Measure C pretends to be about police reform. Instead, it's a noxious sleight of hand. Vote NO (excerpts and slight editing of article below)

There is precious little evidence that there is anything wrong with the current discipline process, other than that officers and their union don't like it.

The union discovered that civilians ruled in favor of accused officers more often than did their captains and commanders, and now it wants officers to be able to choose between traditional boards and all-civilian boards. In fact, last year, it sued the city in an effort to win that change.

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With the suit (and elections for half the City Council) pending, the council voted to put Charter Amendment C on the ballot. In a laughably upside-down approach, Council President Herb Wesson promised a series of hearings on police discipline — after the measure passed.

That's a little like taking your algebra finals and then studying for them afterward. It's a lot like — in fact, it is exactly like — amending the Constitution, and then asking whether it needed to be changed in the first place, and if so, how.

The charter amendment would leave the selection of civilians — who is eligible, how the pool is chosen — to the City Council. Will the pool be stocked with retired police officers? We don't know. Will it be filled by police reformers or critics from Black Lives Matter? We don't know — although the police union seems confident that the council will craft the selection process to its satisfaction.

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.

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)

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- 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

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.

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

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- 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:

- **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.

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