

**Primary Election
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Expanded Voter Information**

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CITY/LOCAL:

LA CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION Member of the City Council, 6th District

Bill Haller

Music Studio Owner

<https://www.facebook.com/billhallercd6/>

Political Party: Republican

I'm running because this district is stuck. We're stuck with traffic - it now takes more than ten minutes to go one mile on Vanowen, Victory and Sherman Way during rush hours. We're stuck with a City Hall Councilmember who pledges ethics, diversity and transparency but delivers FBI investigations, nepotism and \$400M budget deficits instead. We're stuck with mass shootings, homelessness, mental illness, crime, drugs, fires, earthquakes... And we've been worried about all of this during the largest 10-year economic expansion in U.S. history - something our district did not see one benefit from. We're stuck in sadness because we know that this is not the life we want for ourselves or our families in this district or this city of ours. I'm running because I know we can do better than this. So let's fix what we can - while we have the opportunity.

Benito "Benny" Bernal

Community Advocate

<https://www.bbbforcd62020.com/>

Political Party: Republican

Benito Benny Bernal was born in Los Angeles and resides in Arleta, California. Benito has been a lifelong Community Advocate bringing awareness to many different issues which include the current homeless crisis, contamination of our drinking waters, Human Trafficking and projects that directly impact the common homeowner and business owners.

Benito has challenged our current elected officials and has held them accountable to their failures. Therefore, Benito Benny Bernal is now running for City Council. Like you, he has had enough of the broken promises and the paybacks to special interests.

Benito has served as a representative for our youth by ensuring that monies from grants for our youth are spent where they were intended. Benito was point for creating gang intervention programs and protecting the evidenced based programs that currently exist.

Benito was elected Vice President for SEIU Local 99 by the rank and file members for his willingness to stand up for the working class. Benny is a former Board member of the Los Angeles Mission College Foundation Board where he was instrumental in securing the building of a new gymnasium for our young adults.

He has served on the Arleta Neighborhood Council and on the Executive Board of Valley Vote where Benito fought for the Valley's fair share of how our hard earned taxes were being spent.

He has served on many Boards in the field of youth sports. He volunteered to as a Coach at Arleta High School Baseballs program from 2006-2010.

He volunteered and served at Mary Immaculate Church, Santa Rosa Church, SIBL and Mission Hills Little Leagues.

Benito's top critical issue is to resolve the challenges caused by the Homeless, Vagrants, Criminals and mentally ill and provide services to those need, want and deserve help. He will continue fighting for our and our children's futures.

Top priorities include:

- Fix the Immigration process.

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- Welfare Reform: We need to stop the oppression upon the poor and give them the tools needed to move forward and live an independent and safe lifestyle. Immigration reform will save thousands of lives.
- Protecting the Constitution, Freedom of Religion, specially the 1st and 2nd Amendments
- Veterans medical choice.
- Protecting Seniors rights and benefits.

Nury Martinez

LA City Councilwoman

<http://www.nury-martinez.com/>

Political Party: Democratic

Nury Martinez is an American politician. She was unanimously chosen to become President of the Los Angeles City Council in December 2019, serving as President Pro-Tempore beforehand. She is the first Latina to become President of the council and represents the 6th district.

Martinez was elected in a special election on July 23, 2013 to succeed Tony Cardenas, who vacated his seat to become U.S. House Representative for California's 29th congressional district. Martinez was the only woman serving on the city council for nearly four years, and was the first Latina member in a quarter century.

Martinez is a 1996 graduate of California State University, Northridge. In 2009, Martinez was elected as a member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District, representing the LAUSD District 6.

In 2015, Martinez championed a plan to create a Valley Bureau Human Trafficking Task Force, which among other things would target the criminal enterprise behind prostitution and the "johns" that supported this activity. One tactic that the LAPD was to employ as part of this effort, was to send "dear john" letters to people who travel areas frequented by prostitutes.

LA CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION Member of the City Council, 12th District

John Lee

LA City Councilman

<https://johnleecd12.com/>

John's lived his entire life in the Valley and he learned from an early age the values of hard work, community, and family. A proud Highlander and Matador, John attended local Valley schools and Cal State, Northridge.

John got started volunteering for various local non-profit organizations in the Valley all while working full-time during college. He's spearheaded innovative programs and policies on a wide range of issues from improving neighborhood services and protecting the environment, to expanding youth programs and strengthening public safety, to addressing homelessness, investing in infrastructure, and helping our local economy grow.

When Devonshire was struggling with gang violence, John worked to create the PALS Center with the LAPD, providing \$2 million in crucial funding. Now kids are hitting the books, instead of the street.

John also helped create the Porter Ranch Community School, protected the Granada Hills Rec Center, and brought \$1 million to the North Valley YMCA for after school programs.

John brought local businesses and neighbors together to build the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission's Home Again transitional housing project. The 90-bed family housing facility has been hailed as a model for how to effectively address the homelessness crisis.

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John's ready on Day One to bring real solutions and build consensus at City Hall to tackle homelessness in the Valley and Los Angeles.

Making our communities safer is John's number one priority. He's put more cops on the beat and is making law enforcement more responsive to local needs.

That's why he is endorsed by the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association, and the Peace Officers Research Association of California – collectively representing over 9,000 LAPD officers and 70,000 statewide law enforcement officers.

Loraine Lundquist

scientist and climate activist

<https://www.loraineforla.com/>

Loraine Lundquist received a Ph.D. in physics from UC Berkeley. Lundquist's career experience includes working as a professor of sustainability at California State University, Northridge. She has been associated with Northridge East Neighborhood Council, the CFA, and the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness.

She's running for City Council to make sure our children inherit a city that is safe, prosperous, resilient, livable, and sustainable. I am an educator, scientist, and mom from Northridge. As a member of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council, she worked for real solutions to address homelessness. As an astrophysicist who helped launch a satellite and teacher at CSUN, she is an expert on clean energy and will move the City in the right direction. She helped organize community opposition to the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility when it posed a massive danger to the Valley in 2015. Lundquist is not a political insider and will be a voice for residents – and that's why she is refusing to accept contributions from corporate special interests. These are the reasons why she is endorsed by local teachers and nurses.

Selected Endorsements:

- The Los Angeles Times
- California Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg
- California State Controller Betty Yee
- Congressman Brad Sherman
- Assemblymember Christy Smith
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Los Angeles Unified School Boardmember Jackie Goldberg
- Los Angeles Unified School Boardmember Kelly Gonez
- Los Angeles Community College District President Andra Hoffman
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley
- East Area Progressive Democrats
- Los Angeles County Young Democrats
- Muslim Democratic Club of Southern California
- Progressive Asian Network for Action
- Progressive Democrats of America - San Fernando Valley
- San Fernando Valley Young Democrats
- Southern California Armenian Democrats
- Valley Grassroots for Democracy
- United Teachers Los Angeles
- California League of Conservation Voters
- Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters
- Sierra Club
- Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County Action Fund
- National Organization for Women, Hollywood Chapter (Hollywood NOW)
- National Women's Political Caucus California

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LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Member of the Board of Education, District 3

Marilyn Koziatek

School Programs Director

<https://www.marilynforvalleyschools.com/>

Marilyn Koziatek is an effective public education professional, public school mom, and longtime Angeleno running for school board because our kids and our valley schools deserve a champion. As our School Board Member, she'll bring a fresh, 21st Century vision, budgetary expertise, and a kids first approach, to ensure that every young person can reach their potential. Marilyn is a passionate, thoughtful, and resourceful leader who will only accept the best for our kids.

Marilyn is the only candidate who currently works in a public school. She leads the community outreach department for Granada Hills Charter, one of the highest-performing public schools in California. Her work includes increasing parent engagement, launching the school's first mobile app, creating a work-based internship program to help students gain valuable, real-world job experience, and supporting teachers and students through grant-writing. She's proud that her school pays teachers a salary that is 13 percent higher than the district average, offers a high-quality public education, and still manages a budget surplus.

Marilyn also chairs the Education Committee at the Valley Industry Commerce Association, sits on the 38th Assembly Education Advisory Committee, volunteers with the Children's Hunger Fund, and is a member of the Parent Teacher Association at her kids' public school. She also volunteers in the kids' program at her church in Northridge.

Top priorities include:

- Increase Community and Parent Engagement
- Budget Transparency
- Future Proofing LAUSD

Selected Endorsements:

- LA Daily News
- California Charter School Association Advocates
- Valley Industry Commerce Association
- Allies for Educational Equity

Scott Mark Schmerelson

School Board Member

Scott Mark Schmerelson is a life-long educator who has spent over 35 years working closely with students, parents and his school site colleagues.

Scott began his career as a high school Spanish teacher in Philadelphia and joined the LAUSD family five years later. His service with LAUSD began with a 12-year stay at Virgil Middle School as a teacher, school counselor and Assistant Principal. He later became an Assistant Principal at Griffith Middle School in East Los Angeles for 5 years and the Principal at Lawrence Middle School in Chatsworth for 5 years. Scott retired as Principal of Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Middle School in South Los Angeles after 10 years of service that included significantly improving test scores, a deteriorated physical plant, and student, teacher and parent morale.

Scott has been the treasurer of the Middle Schools Principals' Association and is currently the treasurer of the Cuban-American Teachers' Association. He is a member of the Association of California School Administrators and served a two year term as President of Region 16. He is currently the Executive Director of Region 16 which encompasses the entire Los Angeles Unified School District.

In 2018, prosecutors confirmed that they are looking into claims that Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member Scott Schmerelson may have violated a state open-meetings law. Read more:

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<https://www.dailynews.com/2018/05/23/das-office-probes-claims-that-laUSD-board-member-violated-open-meetings-law/>

Top priorities include:

- School Bond funds must be expended as the voters intended.
- Class size is too high to ensure a quality education.
- Fair wages and full time employment for our LAUSD employees.

Selected Endorsements:

- CSEA

Elizabeth Bartels-Badger

Disability Educator/Businesswoman

Bartels is the founder and CEO of Minority Outreach Committee, Inc., a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization that seeks to encourage and facilitate political, economic and social development in Los Angeles, California. She is also co-owner and office manager of a small, family business. A self-identified Democrat, Bartels was a delegate to both the 2008 and the 2012 Democratic National Conventions. She was named Democrat of Year by the Los Angeles Democratic Party. Bartels earned her bachelor's degree in political science and her master's degree in public administration and policy from California State University at Northridge. She also graduated from the University of Southern California's Public Policy Institute. Bartels has three children and three step-children.

Top priorities include:

- Investment in Early childhood Education
- Raising Graduation Rate/Lowering Dropout Rates
- Creating partnerships between parents, teachers, staff and LAUSD Board

Selected Endorsements:

- Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr
- Judith Hirschberg, SFV Community Activist
- Rabbi Steven Jacobs

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 45th District

Jesse Gabriel

California State Assemblymember

Political Party: Democratic

<https://a45.asmdc.org/>

Jesse Gabriel was first elected to the California State Assembly in June 2018. He represents the 45th Assembly District, which includes much of the west San Fernando Valley. Gabriel currently serves on the Appropriations Committee as well as the Committees on Banking and Finance, Higher Education, Housing and Community Development, and Privacy and Consumer Protection. He is also Chair of the Select Committee on Jobs and Innovation in the San Fernando Valley and a member of the Select Committee on Women's Reproductive Health.

Shortly after assuming office, Gabriel was appointed to the Assembly Leadership where he serves as Assistant Majority Whip. He also was elected by his colleagues as Vice Chair of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus. In 2019, Gabriel was one of 100 leaders from across the state designated as a "California Influencer" by The Sacramento Bee.

In his time in the Legislature, Gabriel has championed efforts to address California's housing and homelessness crisis, strengthen public education, fight climate change, pass common sense gun safety measures, expand access to justice, and protect vulnerable communities. In his first full year in the Assembly, Gabriel authored six bills that were signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, including

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highly regarded measures to expand legal services for low-income Californians and protect communities at risk of hate-motivated violence.

Gabriel has also been an outspoken leader on issues related to mass shootings and gun violence prevention. In 2019, he co-founded a legislative working group and partnered with former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the Brady Campaign, and Moms Demand Action to enact more than a dozen new gun safety measures.

Before being elected to the Legislature, Gabriel worked as a constitutional rights and general litigation attorney, where he helped resolve complex disputes and represented clients before the United States Supreme Court. In 2017, Gabriel sued the Trump Administration in two landmark lawsuits to protect young people—known as Dreamers—who were promised protection under the DACA program. Gabriel also represented Holocaust survivors, victims of domestic abuse, and communities facing hate-motivated violence, and was honored with a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award by The Daily Journal in 2018. Gabriel also worked as counsel and senior advisor to former United States Senator Evan Bayh.

A committed environmentalist and longtime community activist, Gabriel previously served as a Los Angeles County Commissioner and as a board member of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. Gabriel lives in Encino with his wife Rachel Rosner—an affordable housing attorney—and their sons Ethan and Joshua. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Harvard Law School.

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 46th District

Adrin Nazarian

California State Assemblymember

<http://www.adrinforassembly.com/>

Political Party: Democratic

Adrin Nazarian was elected in November 2012 to represent California's 46th Assembly District. Since his election, Adrin has passionately advocated for increased mass transit in the San Fernando Valley, smarter management of vital water resources through infrastructure improvements, protecting and expanding the film industry, and much-needed earthquake preparedness. He sits on the Assembly Committees on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media; Health; Rules; and Transportation.

Adrin is proud of his record taking on powerful special interests in Sacramento. He has led the fight in Sacramento:

- To bring entertainment jobs back to our communities;
- Expand homeless services to help people back on their feet;
- To take on the NRA to pass sensible gun laws;
- And to stand up to health insurance companies to allow doctors to prescribe medicine, not health insurance companies.

Not only is Adrin an influential voice for his constituents in Sacramento, he's actively engaged in his district. To date, he has organized over 50 free women's self-defense classes, reaching over 2,500 participants; and hosted or co-hosted over 100 events/year throughout the district – ranging from child car seat safety, ADA workshops, pet adoption events, and map your neighborhood events.

Top priorities include:

- Expanding and protecting the middle class
- Excellent schools for our children
- Helping the homeless get back on their feet through smart efficient services

Selected Endorsements:

- Governor Jerry Brown
- Attorney General Kamala Harris

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- Zev Yaroslavsky
- Paul Krekorian
- LA Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Police Protective League
- California Nurses Association
- Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County
- California Democratic Party
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley
- Congressman Brad Sherman
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- United Farm Workers
- California Faculty Association
- California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
- California League of Conservation Voters
- California Statewide Law Enforcement Association
- California Teachers Association
- Equality California
- Peace Officers Research Association
- California Professional Firefighters
- Professional Engineers in California Government
- Sierra Club California
- United Auto Workers
- National Association of Social Workers
- California State Retirees
- California Association of Professional Scientists

Lanira K. Murphy

Public Educator

Political Party: Democratic

No further information available

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 29th District

Brian Perras

<https://perrasforcongress.com/>

Political Party: Republican

I am a Navy veteran who believes in working for the people— regardless of party or political affiliation because the Constitution applies to all Americans. I will work with whomever I need to in order to get the job done effectively and properly without corruption. I plan to put an end to all corruption in the San Fernando Valley, ensuring all our citizens' needs and concerns are addressed.

Top priorities include:

- Jobs
- Infrastructure
- De-regulation
- School choice
- Paid family leave 30 days
- Help fight animal abuse
- Tax free overtime pay up to 20 hours
- Public health and safety

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Michael R. Guzik

Rideshare Driver

<https://www.mrg2020.com/>

Political Party: Democratic

My introduction to politics came when I was voted to the Illinois PTA state board for two years as a high school representative. This is where I was introduced to the way our government works. As I endeavored into my real estate career, I began working with Neighborhood Councils, Chamber of Commerce, the CRA, BID, City Council members, and the Mayor's office. I have also held clearances from the FBI and Department of Homeland Security. It was during this time that I realized I wanted to get into politics, but I didn't want to serve corporate interests. I wanted to serve the people.

My main reason for running for CA29 is that I want to make the world a better place for my 3 children. I feel if I accomplish that and always hold myself accountable to my children then I will continually serve the people and make the world a better place for everyone.

Top priorities include:

- Housing as a right – Ending homeless, creating national rent control for apartment, home, condo and townhome rentals and creating affordable housing for those that live in underserved communities.
- Healthcare for all – Providing healthcare, mental, vision, dental and long-term care while lowering the price of prescription drugs.
- Tuition free college – Including eradicating all the current student loan debt while investing in our education system along with higher teacher pay.
- Gun Safety – National universal background checks with a psychiatric evaluation that should be renewed periodically. However, the biggest concern about gun safety is preventing those disasters with early intervention by placing a counselor and social worker at every school.
- Climate Change - The Green New Deal will create jobs, remove our dependency from fossil fuels and move us to 100% renewable energy.

Tony Cardenas

US Representative/Congressman

<http://www.tonycardenasforcongress.com/>

Political Party: Democratic

Tony Cardenas is a Democratic member of the U.S. House representing the 29th Congressional District of California. He was first elected in 2012.

Elected to public office in 1996, he was the first Latino to represent the Valley in California's State Legislature. His parents proudly watched as their son raised his right hand and promised to represent his home.

Using his experience as a small businessman, Tony pursued reforms that made Los Angeles more business friendly. Cutting through red tape and working across the aisle, he helped create the largest number of jobs seen by the Valley in more than five years.

Following his time in Sacramento, Tony won election to the Los Angeles City Council where he served for ten years. He passed landmark legislation to prevent kids from joining gangs and funded Los Angeles' first Animal Cruelty Task Force, protecting animals affected by violence and bringing their abusers to justice.

Now in Congress, the same goals that drove Tony Cárdenas to represent the San Fernando Valley, in Sacramento and at City Hall, drive his work in Washington. Tony is working hard to solve the critical problems that face our nation and to build coalitions and consensus around these aims. By rebuilding the middle class and bringing those in the shadows of our nation into the light, we will create the next wave of American innovation and supercharge our economy.

After each weekly session of Congress, Tony returns home to the Valley, where he resides with his family which includes his wife, Norma, and their children.

Cardenas was mentioned during the wave of sexual assault and misconduct allegations in 2018. A lawsuit filed April 27, 2018, alleged that Cardenas sexually abused a 16-year-old girl in 2007. Cardenas denied the accusations. [Click here](#) to read more.

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Prior to his service in the U.S. House, Cardenas served in the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2002. He was then a member of the Los Angeles City Council from 2004 to 2012.

Cardenas is an average Democratic member of Congress, meaning he will vote with the Democratic Party on the majority of bills.

Top priorities include:

- Creating Jobs in the Valley
- Paying our Nation's Bills
- Reforming Our Juvenile Justice System and Reducing Crime
- Fair, Balanced Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Ensuring Access to Healthcare

Angelica Maria Dueñas

HR Generalist/Mother

Political Party: Democratic

<https://www.angelica4congress.com/>

Angelica Duenas, Mother & Peace Activist. Standing for Renters Rights. Our Cause is Justice. Angelica does not accept corporate money, and so she is beholden to the people of her district and not big money interests.

A huge turning point for Angelica was during the Bernie Sanders 2016 campaign. Prior to that Angelica was not interested in electoral politics, but rather local issues. Angelica was appointed and served as a Delegate for U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders at the Democratic National Convention during his legendary 2016 Presidential run.

Top priorities include:

- Homelessness/Lack of Low Income Housing: Repeal Costa Hawkins and pass Universal Rent Control. We need to look at creative solutions to address the homelessness issue - we need permanent housing + medical and social services.
- Universal Healthcare: We fully endorse Medicare for All and believe that Healthcare is not a commodity and that there should be no room for profit.
- Tuition Free Education: We believe that education is a human right and that we should have access to tuition free quality education Pre-K to PhD. We fully support Federal Loan Forgiveness to all who are still paying back Student Loans.

Selected Endorsements:

- [Demand Universal Healthcare](#)
- [California Progressive Alliance](#)
- [North Valley Democratic Club of Los Angeles](#)
- [Southern California Americans for Democratic Action](#)
- [Our Revolution Los Angeles](#)
- [Our Revolution Santa Clarita](#)
- [Progressive Candidates](#)
- [Maria Estrada for Assembly 2020](#)
- [CJ Berina for Congress](#)

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 30th District

Brad Sherman

US Representative/Congressman

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Political Party: Democratic

<http://bradsherman.com>

Congressman Brad Sherman, born and raised in southern California, represents California's San Fernando Valley, and has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1997.

Congressman Sherman is serving his eighth term in Congress.

Congressman Sherman is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and serves as the senior Democrat on the Subcommittee on Asia. He is also a senior member of the Financial Services Committee.

During his tenure in Congress, Sherman has developed a reputation as a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility, a balanced budget, federal aid to education, the interests of working families, strong environmental standards, the protection of Social Security and Medicare, and policies to expand U.S. exports.

According to USA Today and The Washington Post, Congressman Sherman led the effort to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used for unlimited bailouts to Wall Street giants. In 2009, he took an important role in crafting legislation that ended bailouts putting taxpayers on the hook for risky Wall Street behavior, by successfully defeating the Treasury Department's proposal for permanent, unlimited TARP.

A consumer rights advocate, Sherman was among the leaders behind the formation of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency, which protects consumers from financial institutions issuing credit cards and offering costly overdraft protection. Sherman also protected families' retirement funds and college savings and put controls on companies which reward corporate CEOs multi-million dollar bonuses for bad performance. Congressman Sherman led the effort to oppose the Bush Administration's TARP bailouts, all while championing financial reforms that would bring transparency to Wall Street.

Early in his congressional career, while serving on the House Budget Committee in 1997, Congressman Sherman authored an amendment to the annual Budget Resolution providing an additional \$700 million for the acquisition of environmentally important lands in FY '98. The Sherman Amendment was included in the Joint Budget Resolution and effectuated by a \$699 million appropriation. Sherman also secured \$20 million to acquire land and to complete the Backbone Trail through the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Congressman Sherman's public service career includes serving on the California State Board of Equalization from 1991 to 1996. He was Chairman of the Board from 1991 to 1995. As a board member Sherman led the successful fight to repeal the snack tax, which previously required grocers to differentiate between a cupcake and a muffin, imposing an inconsistent tax burden on needy Californians.

Before joining Congress, Sherman was on staff at one of the nations' big-four CPA firms. Sherman is a Tax Law Specialist and a CPA. While at the firm, he audited large businesses and governmental entities, provided tax law counsel on multi-million dollar transactions, advised entrepreneurs and small businesses on tax and investment issues, and helped represent the Government of the Philippines under President Aquino in a successful effort to seize assets of deposed President Marcos. Sherman was also an instructor at Harvard Law School's International Tax Program.

Top priorities include:

- Fixing the Economy
- Standing Up to Wall Street
- Protecting Social Security and Medicare
- Protecting the Environment

Selected Endorsements:

- President Bill Clinton
- Democratic Party of The San Fernando Valley
- California Democratic Party
- Governor Gavin Newsom

CJ Berina

Political Party: Democratic

<http://www.cjforcongress2020.com/>

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CJ is a 29 year old Filipino-American who was born and raised in the Valley. He's an award winning entrepreneur that opened a community space to promote fashion, music, art, and live events in the Valley. He has represented our community on the Neighborhood Council and in the California Democratic Party. He's also organized community events that have brought together thousands of members of the Valley community in the name of peace, love, sustainability, and positive change.

Top priorities include:

- End the wars
- Cancel student & medical debt
- Tuition free public college
- Abolish ICE
- Abolish the death penalty
- Housing for all
- End for profit healthcare

Selected endorsements:

- The Sunrise Movement LA
- California Progressive Alliance
- Our Revolution LA
- Feel the Bern Dem Club LA
- Feel the Bern Dem Club SFV
- The Public Arts Commission
- Americans for Democratic Action – SoCal
- Demand Universal Healthcare
- Forward Thinking Democracy

Brian Carroll

Political Party: Democratic

<http://www.briancarrollforcongress.com/>

He is passionate, compassionate, and has a sense of responsibility to those who often feel like the decks are stacked up against them. A strong progressive, Brian believes in the protection and expansion of civil rights, the reclaiming of our public spaces and public goods, and the building of a society that restores justice for all.

He believes that the San Fernando Valley can be the key to solving some of today's biggest issues. If we can solve the housing crisis here, we can solve it everywhere. If we can bring real transportation options for our area, we can scale it sea to shining sea. Progressive change can only happen when it's approached with a local focus, because it's the only way to ensure that the people are being put first.

As an enthusiast of American history (as can be seen through his political web comic, Two Party Opera), Brian understands, contextually and practically, the ebb and flow of tyranny and the cyclical nature of our country's past and present. In times like these, he feels that the only direction to go when faced with daily chaos and runaway injustice, is not to just return to some nonexistent "normal," but to repair the failures of a society that led to the crisis in the first place.

With his understanding of legislative procedures both theoretically, through his academic research, and practically, through his work with the Studio City Neighborhood Council as both a board member and President, he's able to see both the greater context of policies and legislations to be brought forth, as well as the implications on the local level for the CA-30th district.

The importance of civic engagement and the power of communities to understand the inner workings of the jobs of those who are meant to be of service to them, such as our members of Congress, is a huge driver for Brian and the work that he does.

Top priorities include:

- Housing
- Healthcare
- Transportation
- Environment

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- Immigration
- Education
- Workers' Rights
- Gun Control
- LGBTQIA+ & Women's Rights

Raji Rab

Aviator/Educator

Political Party: Democratic

<http://www.rabforcongress.com>

In view of growing public problems, worsening living conditions and invisible leadership, I entered the arena for the office of U.S. Congress to devote my life fighting for people and lead people towards progress and prosperity. In this good cause, I felt it my humanitarian duty to step up, to secure fundamental rights and to secure equal opportunity for all. I am not a typical politician and my past speaks for my future. Over the years, I have earned the respect of all, seen through motivated community volunteers supporting my campaign promotion and events. With worthy public support, I am confident to win the Congressional election and lead everyone especially our younger generation towards a successful direction.

Upon being elected, bring immediate relief fighting poverty and unemployment and ensure that everyone is well represented in U.S. Congress, working towards a prosperous and peaceful life for all. Unlike special interest groups, my loyalties shall remain resolute towards public interest forever. I will attend to all the issues most expeditiously. I have dedicated my life to help all without any discrimination. I stand in complete contrast to the depleting and detrimental conditions faced by people for many years coupled with economic hardship, and increasing health hazards. It is time to unite as lives in District 30 matters and it's time for a new leadership. Upon being elected, I will work with all parties involved in the hazardous Santa Susana nuclear contamination and address the Porter Ranch gas leak to expedite most urgent relief. In order to address national security and terrorism issues it is necessary to change our approach to first develop real and strong friendly international relations that are dependable to collectively fight terrorism and defeat crimes against humanity. I will expedite new better paying jobs, promote small businesses, remove burdensome regulations, offer VA more options, ease student debt and remove harsh penalties. I will most sincerely protect the environment, encourage visionary prospects, ease healthcare and help speed process for those needing Medi-Cal, Medicare and Social Security. I will address water safety and energy issues, bring large business together to help promote small business. I will press to reduce the federal debt and work on Health Care Act for better options. I support peace, justice and dignity for all. I stand to compete in goodness, fight poverty, protect constitutional rights and secure all with health, happiness, and prosperity. It is time more than ever to unite above all discriminating factors of race, color, gender and religion, proving to the world that together we stand united as one for all and all for one.

Top priorities include:

- Strengthen friendly international relations, while strictly enforcing nuclear nonproliferation & defeating terrorism.
- Incentives for job creation, remove burdensome regulations, remove harsh penalties.
- Reduce student debt by interest free loans, reduce federal debt, ease healthcare, and help expedite process for Medi-Cal, Medicare and Social Security.

Mark Reed

Political Party: Republican

<http://www.markreedforcongress.com>

Reed is an actor, small businessman, rancher and an advocate for constitutional government. He currently sits on the board of directors of the CAB at KCET and is the National Representative for American Indians. Reed has been actively involved in the Veterans' efforts to save the VA Sepulveda and West Los Angeles medical centers from encroachment by private sector developers (profit and

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non-profit).

Top priorities include:

- Economy: I will push for legislation that will lower taxes and stimulate and encourage economic growth
- Health Care: I vow to repeal and replace Obamacare
- Second Amendment and Gun Ownership
- Immigration: I welcome legal immigration to this country. However, government should not adopt policies that encourage illegal immigration, a violation of our laws.
- Energy and Environment: I support common-sense environment policy that will help reduce pollution and preserve our precious open spaces.

COUNTY:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jackie Lacey

LA County District Attorney

<https://www.jackielacey.com>

Political Party: Democratic

District Attorney Jackie Lacey has spent most of her professional life as a prosecutor, manager and executive in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. On Dec. 3, 2012, she was sworn in as the 42nd District Attorney. She is the first woman and the first African American DA in L.A. County. She was re-elected four years later without opposition. As D.A., she's pioneered groundbreaking mental health efforts, diverting those with mental illness out of our jails and into the mental health system, fought human sex trafficking to protect women and children, safeguarded seniors from financial elder abuse, pushed to ban private prisons and reform our cash bail system, cracked down fraudsters who prey on immigrants as well as polluters who harm our environment, and threaten our health and our livelihood. District Attorney Lacey established the Conviction Review Unit to assess claims of actual innocence based on newly discovered evidence. She also appointed the office's first Professional Responsibility Advisor.

As chair of the Criminal Justice Mental Health Project for Los Angeles County, District Attorney Lacey leads a multidisciplinary working group devoted to diverting people who are mentally ill out of the criminal justice system for nonviolent offenses.

She initiated a plan within her office to provide free training to first responders on how to safely de-escalate incidents involving people in a mental health crisis.

A Los Angeles native and graduate of the University of Southern California Law School, she leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation, with a workforce of approximately 1,000 lawyers, 300 investigators and 800 support staff employees.

During her term, Lacey has been heavily criticized by Black Lives Matter, the ACLU and others for failing to prosecute a single member of Los Angeles County law enforcement for murder. The criticism increased in March 2018 when Lacey refused to file charges against LAPD officer Clifford Proctor for shooting and killing Brendon Glenn three years earlier, despite LAPD Chief Charlie Beck recommending Lacey prosecute Proctor¹ In a statement after Lacey declined to file charges against Proctor, the ACLU of Southern California released a statement saying, in part:

Despite the hundreds of civilians that have been killed by police officers within Los Angeles during Lacey's tenure, not one officer has been charged with a crime. But even among this throng of victims, Brendon Glenn stands apart. If the evidence is clear enough for Chief Beck to take the extraordinary step of calling for prosecution of one of his own officers, what more does Lacey need? Her decision suggests that no matter how egregious an officer's conduct is, no matter the evidence she has

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before her, she does not intend to hold any officer accountable for unnecessarily and inexplicably shooting a member of the public.

Lacey has been criticized for not charging Bikram Choudhury criminally, there is a "reluctance of the district attorney to go after powerful men" as described in the Netflix documentary¹ despite numerous women coming forward with allegations of sexual assault and rape. Her office has refused to comment publicly on their lack of action on this matter. Lacey has similarly been criticized for inaction in the case of four women who report having been raped by actor Danny Masterson.

Top Priorities:

- Protecting victims of crime
- Mental health in County Jails
- Prosecuting environmental and workplace safety crimes
- Bail reform

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County Firefighters, IAFF Local 1014
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- United Firefighters Of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) Local 112
- Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades Council
- Los Angeles Sentinel
- National Women's Political Caucuses of Los Angeles County
- Women's Political Committee (WPC) Los Angeles
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS)
- Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL)
- California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA)
- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA)
- Association of Probation Supervisors of Los Angeles County
- Teamsters Joint Council 42
- Laborers Local 300
- International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36
- United Steelworkers (USW) Local 675
- Ironworkers Local 433
- National Latino Peace Officers Association Advocacy
- Crime Survivors PAC
- Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
- U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu
- U.S. Congresswoman Norma Torres
- U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal
- U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman
- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
- U.S. Congresswoman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke (Ret.)
- Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (Ret.)
- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer
- Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin

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- Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel (Ret.)
- Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson
- Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu
- Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
- Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
- Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert
- Long Beach City Councilmember Lena Gonzalez
- Long Beach City Councilmember Al Austin
- Long Beach City Councilmember Roberto Uranga
- Long Beach City Councilmember Stacy Mungo
- Long Beach City Councilmember Dee Andrews
- Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster (Ret.)

George Gascon

Justice Reform Advocate

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Political Party: Democratic

George Gascón is a former [District Attorney of San Francisco](#). He was appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom in January 2011 to fill the vacancy left by the departing Kamala Harris. Gascón maintained the position by winning the November 2011 election and was re-elected in 2015. Gascón officially resigned from this position on October 19, 2019, and announced he was running for Los Angeles District Attorney. Gascón was born in Havana, Cuba. Gascón and his family immigrated to the United States in 1967 and settled in a suburb of Los Angeles.. After dropping out of Bell High School, Gascón served in the Army from 1972 to 1975, receiving an honorable discharge as a sergeant (E-5), and earned his high school diploma. In 1978, Gascón joined the Los Angeles Police Department. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Cal State Long Beach and a Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law.¹ In 1987, he became a full-time police officer again and then assistant police chief and director of the office of operations. Gascón has been an active member of the California State Bar since 1996.

Gascón implemented and launched the state's first prosecutorial data management system, similar to [CompStat](#), called DA Stat. This internal data collection tool informs data-driven prosecution.

Gascón co authored Senate Bill 962, legislation requiring a “kill switch” on all smartphones sold in California. He also co-authored 2014's Proposition 47, an initiative which reduced simple drug possession for personal use from a felony to a misdemeanor. Proposition 47 has reduced the sentencing disparity in San Francisco between Caucasians and African Americans by nearly half.

Gascón assembled the Blue Ribbon Panel¹ to investigate a scandal in the San Francisco Police Department regarding homophobic and racist texts exchanged between over 14 police officers in 2014.

In 2016, following recommendations of both the Department of Justice and Blue Ribbon Panel, Gascón secured funding to create the Independent Investigations Bureau, which investigates shootings involving police officers, excessive force, and in-custody deaths.

In 2018, Gascón announced that he would apply California's Adult Use of Marijuana Act retroactively to every marijuana case since 1975 in order to level the playing field for those adversely affected by the criminalization of marijuana. The move cleared misdemeanor convictions and reduced felony convictions for those entitled for record relief under the act. He later partnered with [Code for America](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which kicked off a national movement resulting in dozens of cities across the country clearing marijuana convictions.

Gascón has received criticism for comments against ethnic minorities. In March 2010, Gascón made remarks about San Francisco's susceptibility to terrorism by the "Middle Eastern community" that

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upset Arab-Americans. Gascón was accused of calling African-Americans "those people" in "a derogatory way" at a dinner in 2010 by San Francisco Police Department officers under oath in depositions.

Top Priorities:

- Abolish cash bail
- Will not pursue death penalty
- Domestic Violence Survivors advocacy
- Every Rape Kit Tested
- Response to Human Trafficking Reform
- Develop Sexual Assault Response Team
- Protect LGBT Community

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Los Angeles Daily News
- La Opinión
- National Union of Health Workers
- SEIU Local 99
- Los Angeles League of Conservation Workers
- Armenian National Committee of America Western Region
- Color of Change PAC
- Mexican American Bar Association
- Democratic Party of San Fernando Valley
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- Los Angeles County Young Democrats
- Muslim Democratic Club of Southern California
- Black Women's Democratic Club
- Congress Member Tony Cárdenas
- Congress Member Maxine Waters
- L.A. City Council Member Mike Bonin
- Assembly Member Rob Bonta
- Assembly Member Phil Ting
- John Legend
- Pico Rivera Mayor Gustavo Camacho
- City of Maywood Mayor Eddie de la Riva
- Lynwood Mayor Aide Castro
- Former LAPD Chief Charlie Beck
- L.A. County Deputy District Attorney Joseph Iniguez
- A New Way of Life Reentry Project Founder Susan Burton

Rachel A Rossi

Public Defender, Federal

<https://rachel4da.com>

Political Party: Democrat

Rachel Rossi is the first former public defender to run for Los Angeles County District Attorney. She has spent her career fighting for marginalized communities as a public defender in L.A.'s state and federal courts, and through criminal justice reform as criminal justice policy expert. Her combined litigation and policy experience uniquely position Rachel to bring true change to LA's broken criminal justice system.

As a public defender, Rachel defended Angelenos in the trenches in the Superior Court for the

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County of Los Angeles, both with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and the Alternate Public Defender's Office. She then defended the people of Los Angeles as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Rachel conducted vigorous litigation in these roles, including drafting and arguing motions and conducting numerous jury trials. As a public defender, Rachel defended clients who — all too often — suffered from mental illness, substance use disorders and poverty, and daily witnessed the stark racial disparities of the system. She handled a wide range of cases, from charges of sleeping on the sidewalk against our houseless neighbors, to immigration related offenses, insider trading, fraud, narcotics and gun trafficking, and complex litigation including RICO conspiracy charges. Working in both state and Federal courts, Rachel gained comprehensive expertise on L.A.'s layers of criminal justice systems, including the many local and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial agencies that intersect in our County.

Rachel then worked on criminal justice policy in Washington, D.C. on the House and Senate sides, to reform criminal justice systems nationally and in California. As Counsel to Senator Richard J. Durbin, the Democratic Whip, on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Rachel worked on multiple nomination hearings, including those for Supreme Court Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh, and was a lead staffer on the largest major federal criminal justice reform bill signed into law, which enacted comprehensive sentencing and prison reforms and has resulted in thousands of people being released from federal prison to date.

As Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee, Rachel worked with the Democratic Majority on efforts to develop the next steps in criminal justice reform nationally. She worked with Judiciary Chairman Rep. Jerry Nadler and Judiciary Crime Sub-Committee Chair Rep. Karen Bass on drafting legislation and holding Congressional hearings on criminal justice issues, including on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, the need for criminal justice reform, issues faced by women in the criminal justice system, reducing firearm violence, combatting hate crimes, and a Los Angeles field hearing on California's criminal justice reforms.

In 2019 Rossi was recognized by the National Bar Association as one of the United States' top 40 lawyers aged under 40¹ She has been recognized as a Lawyer of Color during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation conference.

Top Priorities:

- Give Crime Victims a Voice
- Environmental Justice
- Protect Workers
- Advocate for LGBTQIA Equality
- End Mass Incarceration
- Decriminalize Homelessness
- Test Every Rape Kit
- Empower Independent Prosecutors
- Expand Treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders
- Fight for Immigrants
- End Racial Disparity
- Juvenile Justice Reform
- Reform L.A. Jails

Selected Endorsements:

- Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez, Founder, Churches in Action and a Leader of the Los Angeles Interfaith Council
- Daniel Lee, Councilmember, Culver City Council
- Dr. Ron Birnbaum, Veteran & Medicare for All Activist

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- Greg Akili, Director, Fannie Lou Hamer Institute
- Hilary Potashner, Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California (ret.)
- Jasmyne Cannick, Founder, Justice for Gemmel Moore and All of Ed Buck's Victims
- Jawane Hilton, Councilmember, Carson City Council
- Jesselyn McCurdy, Director of Equity, National Political Advocacy Department of the American Civil Liberties Union
- Kevin Avery, Emmy Award-winning Comedian/Actor
- Lakeshia Dorsey, President, Thurgood Marshall Bar Association
- Martin Flores, Renowned Los Angeles Gang Expert, Los Angeles Superior Court Expert Witness
- Pastor Donald Robinson, Community Missionary Baptist Church
- Pastor KW Tulloss, President, Baptist Ministers Conference of Southern California
- Pastor Torrey Collins, St. Rest Friendship Church
- Patrisse Cullors, Real Justice PAC
- Professor Marisol Orihuela, Criminal and Immigration Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School
- Professor Shelley Saxer, Laure Sudreau Endowed Professor of Law, Pepperdine Law School
- Reverend Jonathan Moseley, L.A. President/Western Regional Director, National Action Network
- Rosezetta Upshaw, President Black Women Lawyers
- Victor Narro, Project Director with the UCLA Labor Center
- Black L.A. Young Democrats
- Justice for Gemmel and All of Ed Buck's Victims
- Knock L.A.
- Latino Coalition of Los Angeles
- Latinas Lead California
- Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee (LAAAWPAC)
- Baptist Ministers Conference of Southern California

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Office No. 17

Shannon Kathleen Cooley

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<https://www.cooleyforjudge.com/>

For over a decade, I have served as a Deputy District Attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the largest local prosecutorial agency in the United States comprised of approximately 1,000 attorneys who prosecute more than 183,000 crimes per year. I am currently assigned as a trial attorney for the Hardcore Gang Division in downtown Los Angeles where I prosecute gang-related murders. I primarily litigate difficult, complex, and multiple defendant cases. As a prosecutor of violent crime, I am proud to work closely with the families of murder victims to preserve their rights to justice as well as to protect the community from senseless gun violence. I believe in being tough on violent crime but considerate of first-time non-violent offenders, especially those from vulnerable populations such as veterans, mentally ill, homeless, substance abusers, and youth who have aged out of the foster-care system.

During my career, I have personally handled the following felony and misdemeanor charges: murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, drive-by shootings, domestic violence, stalking,

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elder abuse, child endangerment, sex crimes, arson, kidnapping, criminal threats, robbery, burglary, petty and grand theft, identity theft, fraud, embezzlement, vandalism, dissuading a witness by force or threat, unlawful possession of firearms, possession and sales of narcotics, vehicular manslaughter, and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing injury or death.

I have advised, coordinated, and partnered with multiple law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and local level regarding criminal investigations, case law, policy, and procedure, including the review and authorization of hundreds of search warrants.

I participated as a representative along with multiple Los Angeles-based justice partners and public agencies to establish a community collaborative court as part of a pilot program initiated by the Los Angeles Superior Court to reduce recidivism and rehabilitate at-risk offenders. This unique experience provided me with significant knowledge and expertise in the area of alternative sentencing.

Since 2010, I have volunteered as a classroom facilitator for Project LEAD at elementary schools in the Inglewood and Compton areas teaching 5th grade students about the importance of making good decisions, staying in school, anti-bullying, and resisting the negative influence of gangs, guns, and drugs. I strongly believe that knowledge is power and the best way to prevent crime is to educate our youth.

Prior to joining the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, I practiced civil law for approximately three years. Born and raised in the Los Angeles area, I received my Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Office No. 42

Robert "Bob" Villa

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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Robert was born and raised in southern California. After graduating Downey High School, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University Of California Irvine and a Juris Doctorate from Western State University of Law.

Robert has been married for 30 years to his wife Andrea. They have two children Matthew and Emily, who have both graduated from college.

Robert is committed to keeping himself informed of recent case law and technological advances in forensic science. He has been very successful in the prosecution of assigned and special unit cases because he is dedicated to establishing rapport with victims and witnesses. Robert has also handled several cases, which received both national and local media attention.

Some of his previous assignments include the Hardcore Gang unit, where he has tried numerous gang murders. The Sexual Assault Unit, where he participated in a roll out program where he was called out several times in the middle of the night and on weekends to local hospitals to give support to victims of sexual assaults. Robert's present assignment of Special Trials, where he prosecutes murders, complex legal issue and media cases.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified
Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County District Attorney, Jackie Lacey
- Hon. Steve Cooley, Former Los Angeles County District Attorney, (2000-2012)
- ALADS
- Retired chief of police for Chino and Huntington Park Patrick Connolly

Top Priorities Include:

- To be fair to all sides when dealing with the public appearing before the court.
- To be firm when firmness is required.
- To be an honest, hardworking bench officer that each side wants to appear before.

Linda L. Sun

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Deputy Attorney General, State of California

<https://lindasunforjudge.com/>

As an Asian-American, I am proud to be a citizen of this great country - the only country I call home. As a result, I have consistently sought ways to give back to my country, both by volunteering in my community and through my career in public service for more than 20 years.

As an attorney, I have vowed to zealously support and defend the Constitution and to bear true faith and allegiance to the laws of the United States. Correspondingly, working for the California Department of Justice for more than 18 years, first as a Deputy Attorney General and now as a Supervising Deputy Attorney General has allowed me to directly serve and protect the interests of the public, uphold the Department's mission to enforce and apply our laws fairly and impartially, and to ensure justice, safety and liberty for everyone.

If elected as a Superior Court judge, I will apply these tenets and my professional experience to the courtroom, to ensure disputes are resolved fairly and expeditiously, and that everyone is treated with dignity, courtesy and sensitivity. I have a proven track record of possessing a strong work ethic, integrity and fairness, which are necessary qualities of a judicial officer.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Congressman Alan Lowenthal (47th District)
- Congressman Ted Lieu (33rd District)
- Congressman Maxine Waters (43rd District)
- State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- State Controller Betty Yee
- State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
- Fmr. President pro Tempore of the California State Senate Kevin de León
- Los Angeles Community College District
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Japanese American Bar Association
- Mexican American Bar Association
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

Top Priorities Include:

- Efficient management of court calendar so that no one's time is wasted.
- Preserve the integrity of the judiciary through fair administration of justice.
- Guarantee equal access to justice for all by treating everyone with fairness, sensitivity and dignity.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Office No. 72

Steve Morgan

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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Steve Morgan currently serves as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, a Lt. Colonel in the Army JAG Corps, and is a law professor.

Morgan received his undergraduate degree from Messiah College in Pennsylvania and went on to complete a dual J.D./MBA at the University of Hawai'i. Upon graduation from the program, Morgan was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Army JAG Corps. He was also an adjunct professor at The John Marshall School of Law in Chicago and currently teaches at the Abraham Lincoln University School of Law in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified

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Selected Endorsements:

- The Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- VoteVets
- SEIU 721
- IBEW Local 11
- Los Angeles Sentinel
- Korean-American Democratic Committee
- Latino Prosecutors Association
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS)
- Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Los Angeles City Attorneys Association
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys

Top Priorities Include:

- Ensure fairness in the courtroom
- Maintain integrity in all Judicial proceedings
- Ensure Justice for All

Robert F. Jacobs

Attorney At Law

<https://www.robertjacobsforjudge.com/>

I am the proud son of public school teachers who taught me the value of education and fighting for justice. I became an attorney because I believe in the founding principle that all people are created equal. For over 21 years as an attorney, I have represented thousands of residents of Los Angeles County of all races, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds and political affiliations. Throughout my career, I have gained the respect and endorsement of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and opposing counsel because I am highly ethical, hardworking, fair, and an effective legal advocate. I have a deep personal understanding of what it means to serve the public and the importance of equal access to justice and due process for all.

My wife and I are raising two wonderful young children. I have made it a priority to instill in our children the value of empowering our communities through public service. For years, my children have seen my collaboration with others to help improve and strengthen our communities. Since 2003, I have been an active member of the Downey Kiwanis Club working on service projects with Habitat for Humanity, La Casita Homeless Shelter and the TLC Family Resource Center. I have also provided pro bono legal services for years through legal fairs sponsored by the Mexican American Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

If elected to serve as Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, I am committed to ensuring that every person who comes before the court receives justice and is treated fairly and with dignity.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Stonewall Democratic Club
- Mexican American Bar Association PAC
- Foothill Community Democrats

Top Priorities Include:

- My experience as an immigration attorney for over 21 years reinforced my commitment to ensure everyone has equal access to justice regardless of race, socioeconomic background, political affiliation or sexual orientation.

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- Having represented thousands of clients in court, I vow to dispense justice and make sure all who come before the court are treated equally, fairly, and with compassion & dignity.
- I will work ethically & with integrity to increase public confidence in our judicial system.

Myanna Dellinger

Law Professor/Attorney

<https://www.dellingerforjudge.com/>

Myanna is highly driven to ensure that everyone gets justice. As your judge, she will apply the law fairly while taking the circumstances of each case into account. Myanna will bring and retain the energy and intellectual curiosity it takes to always come to the correct and just outcome.

As a career woman who worked her way to the top of her field on her own, she understands the unique challenges many of you face in the workplace and in your personal lives.

Myanna immigrated to California from her native Denmark in 1997. As a result, she appreciates the difficulties minorities can struggle with, even in a county as diverse as Los Angeles. She believes that everyone in the legal system should be treated fairly and with equality. That's not the case today. She does not, however, advocate for open borders.

Myanna's deep understanding of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds means you can trust her to provide equal justice as the law intends. She will never rely just on her experience to do her job. Myanna will apply the law considerately and fairly in all cases as your Superior Court judge.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Not Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Maxine Waters (D), Member of Congress, 43rd District, CA
- National Women's Political Caucus
- East Area Progressive Democrats
- Painters and Allied Trades DC#36

Top Priorities Include:

- Balanced justice: I have years of experience _behind the bench_ working for trial and appellate court judges on hundreds of cases. I judge people every day, keeping control of hundreds of people in a classroom.
- Reduce the racial disparity in the criminal justice system - many more people of color than whites are arrested and jailed than whites. We also need more females on the bench. It is currently 75% male!
- To provide greater access to justice - only about half of Los Angelenos can afford an attorney! I have ideas for short- and long-term solutions that can help.

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Judge Mike Cummins

Retired Counselor at Law

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Not Qualified

Top Priorities Include:

- Continue to respect the rights of jurors.
- Continue to protect the rights of witnesses, victims, and the accused.
- Continue to reject any attempt to interfere with the independence of our judiciary.

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No other information available beside the controversy over him changing his name to “Judge” and wanting to be listed on the ballot as “Retired Judge”. Read more:
<http://www.metnews.com/articles/2019/cummins121619.htm>

Emily Cole

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<https://www.emilycoleforsjudge2020.com/>

Emily has spent the last 13 years serving the County as a Deputy District Attorney. She currently specializes in the prosecution of child and adult sex crimes in the prestigious Sex Crimes Division, downtown LA. Previously, Emily served throughout Los Angeles County handling homicides, domestic violence, family violence, stalking, and elder abuse.

Throughout her tenure as a Deputy District Attorney working to keep the County safe, Emily has handled many important and significant cases. She was featured on the television news show 48 hours for her prosecution of Dino Guglielmelli, a wealthy nutritional supplement maker who tried to hire a hit man to kill his wife.

Emily also received media attention for her double murder prosecution of Shehadeh Issa. Mr. Issa stabbed his wife of 50 years over 50 times and then shot his adult son in an attempt to frame him for the wife’s murder. Issa targeted his son because he was bisexual and frequently defended his mother against Issa’s domestic violence. Emily’s hard work and creativity resulted in guilty verdicts for both murders. In keeping with her strong commitment to victim’s rights, Emily maintains relationships with the surviving Issa family members to this day.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Maxine Waters, US Congresswoman
- Hon. Jackie Lacey, District Attorney of Los Angeles County
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO)
- SEIU Local 721 - Southern California Public Service Workers Union
- Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL)
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA)
- Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS)
- Mexican American Bar Association, Political Action Committee (MABA-PAC)
- Korean American Democratic Committee
- North Valley Democratic Club of Los Angeles

Top Priorities Include:

- Help victims of crime become whole again by seeking justice
- Help mentally ill defendants seek treatment
- Help drug addicted defendants seek treatment

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Klint James McKay

Administrative Law Judge, CA Department of Social Services

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified

No further information available

David A Berger

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<http://bergerforsjudge.blogspot.com/>

David Berger has been a Deputy District Attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's

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Office for over 20 years. In 2009, he served for nine months as part of a transition team in the City Attorney's office before leaving to return again to the District Attorney's office.

Berger is a District Attorney's Office Alternative Sentencing Designee as part of the county's Community Collaborative Courts. He previously ran for judge in 2018.

Berger was born in London and moved to the U.S. in 1989. He received his law degrees from the University of London and Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- West Hollywood & Beverly Hills Democratic Club
- North Valley Democratic Club of Los Angeles
- New Frontier Democratic Club
- Democratic Alliance for Action of Santa Clarita

Top Priorities Include:

- Juvenile Justice Reform
- Fair and Equal Justice for All
- Ensure adequate and competent representation for all parties

Nick C. Rini

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<https://riniforjudge.com/>

I have served the community for 35 years as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney. Over that time I have tried 97 jury trials, including cases for murder, kidnapping, rape, child molesting, domestic violence and major narcotics trafficking. I would like to put my years of experience into being an honest and fair judge for the County of Los Angeles.

My goal as a deputy district attorney has always been to seek the truth and to do justice. I would like to serve the public as a judge and continue with the same high standards of professionalism that I have spent a life time practicing.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Top Priorities Include:

- Insure equal justice for all defendants and all victims.
- Re-direct juvenile offenders away from an adult life of crime through education and community services. The juvenile succeeds and the community is safer.
- Increase accessibility to the court system for all those people that have suffered from crime or civil wrongs.

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Sherry L. Powell

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<https://powellforjudge.com/>

I am a gang homicide prosecutor with 13 years of experience. I have conducted 88 jury trials and the vast majority of my legal career has been dedicated to serving and advocating for families who have lost loved ones to murder and victims of violent crimes such as child molestation, rape, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

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I worked for 20 years before seeking a law degree at UCLA Law School and it is this non-legal work experience that enhances my ability to incorporate common sense into my legal work. While seeking an undergraduate degree at California State University, Long Beach, I worked in the printing industry. Thereafter, my career was focused on educational publishing.

I believe community service is important and have taught the Project LEAD program to 5th grade students for six years. Project LEAD is a yearlong course in which we have weekly classroom discussions about topics such as peer pressure, prejudice, bullying, conflict resolution and the juvenile court system. At the end of the program, students perform a mock trial in a local courthouse.

My judicial candidacy is widely supported by judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, court staff, a wide range of organizations, friends, and family because I have a reputation for being ethical, fair, and diligent. If elected to Superior Court Judge, I will be guided by these same principles in serving our community.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
- Stonewall Democratic Club
- Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- National Women's Political Caucus, Los Angeles County
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys
- Latino Prosecutors Association
- Mexican American Bar Association
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Democratic Alliance for Action

Top Priorities Include:

- Increase access to the court system for all regardless of socio-economic status, race, culture, religion, gender, and sexual orientation
- Increase courtroom efficiency
- Improve access to all courthouses, courtrooms, and parking structures for the disabled, especially for community members in wheelchairs

Timothy D. Reuben

Attorney/Business Owner

<https://www.reubenforjudge.com/>

Experience matters for a judge. With almost 40 years practicing law in Los Angeles County, I have handled hundreds of cases of all types. I am dedicated to the law and the judicial system and devoted to our country. Now I wish to give back.

As a judge, I will follow the law, consider all the evidence, and strive to be fair to achieve a just result. My education and personal history will enable me to rule with the perspective of 40 years representing clients, dealing with the courts, and studying the law. I hope to add to the rich and exalted standards and legacy of the Los Angeles courts.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Ed Asner
- Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
- Councilmember Paul Koretz
- Congresswoman Maxine Waters

Top Priorities Include:

- To avoid the delay that often is caused by a clogged court system.
- To lobby for a more efficient process to lessen the time and cost for all parties.
- To assure that all parties have a fair and impartial hearing and a prompt response.

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Mark MacCarley

Lawyer

Mark MacCarley is the Managing Attorney/Consultant at MacCarley & Rosen, PLC and a retired U.S. Army General. He resides in Glendale, where he was raised and serves on the Civil Service Commission.

In 2016, MacCarley ran unsuccessfully as a Republican in the primary for State Assembly's District 43. He ran in 2017 for Glendale City Council and lost.

MacCarley received his MBA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and his law degree from Loyola Law School.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Top Priorities Include:

- Make the court system work for everyone, regardless of means, where all who appear before the court are treated with respect.
- Make the court system function so that all cases are timely and fairly resolved.
- Recognize the special needs and challenges of Veterans, the disabled, and people of diversity when they appear before the court.

Bruce A. Moss

Attorney at Law

<https://mossforjudge.com/>

I'm running for Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge because:

Having served as a volunteer Temporary Judge, I know the importance of giving the parties an opportunity to tell their story and be heard. I will continue to listen to the stories litigants tell and make reasonable, fair, and informed decisions based upon the evidence presented.

I believe it is important to manage the courtroom fairly yet expeditiously so that litigants can have their cases heard in a timely manner.

It has always been important to me to help others. Serving as a Judge enlarges this opportunity by being able to help people during a time in their lives when there is legal conflict.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Top Priorities Include:

- Be fair.
- Ensure justice for all.
- Maintain the highest ethical standards.

Kenneth M. Fuller

Attorney at Law

<https://fullerforjudge.com/>

Ken is a seasoned prosecutor and has protected the community by holding accountable environmental polluters/ corrupt corporations, hardcore gang murderers, and sex offenders.

Ken is also a veteran and Captain in the Air Force Reserve, serving in our nation's armed services as a military judge advocate (JAG).

Ken has been in various specialized units of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, including the:

- Environmental Crimes Division
- Hardcore Gang Division

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- Victim Impact Program (VIP) which specializes in the prosecution of sex crimes, domestic violence, elder abuse, and child molestation and abuse.

Ken has handled thousands of criminal cases and has tried numerous trials to verdict over a legal career that spans fourteen years. Ken has practiced in the civil, criminal, juvenile and military courts.

Ken was also appointed as a Commissioner on the City of Fullerton Traffic and Circulation Commission which provides oversight for the city council. As a commissioner, Ken at times presides over and renders judgment on traffic and parking citation appeals hearings.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Democratic Alliance for Action
- East Area Progressive Democrats
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- El Monte Police Officers Association
- Los Angeles Professional Peace Officers Association

Top Priorities Include:

- Provide impartial, fair, administration of justice in the courtroom.
- Administer an efficient and productive case calendar that eliminates congestion in the court system.
- Display respect and professionalism toward litigants, defendants, victims of crime, and all members of the public who appear in court.

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Michelle Kelley

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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I was born and raised in Los Angeles County and am passionate about working as a public servant to better our community. Since 2008, I have worked as a Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles County. I have spent the majority of my career protecting society's most vulnerable victims, in a unit that specializes in the prosecution of child molestation, forcible sex crimes, human trafficking, elder abuse, and physical violence against women and children.

While I have prosecuted dozens of jury trials including murders, child molestation, and forcible rape, I also take great pride in the hundreds of cases that I have been able to resolve without the need for a jury trial. These include serious and violent felonies, including several defendants who have pled guilty for life sentences prior to trial. I have been successful in securing these pretrial pleas by working hard to collect and evaluate all of the evidence in an objective manner, and taking the time to meet with and collaborate with all interested parties with the goal of maximizing justice for all. Securing a pretrial guilty plea not only spares the victim from reliving the trauma by having to testify in a public courtroom at trial, but is also judicially economical for the taxpayers of LA county.

Importantly, I have only pushed for pleas where a defendant is willing to accept responsibility. I understand that our system of justice has been built on the right of all citizens to remain innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. I am keenly aware of incidents of wrongful convictions, so I am always mindful of seeking convictions as dictated by the evidence, which leads to a high degree of confidence in the resulting verdicts and resolutions.

I have also used my training and experience at the DA's Office to teach investigation techniques to law enforcement officers to secure the most thorough and accurate information possible. In addition, I

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have taught sexual assault nurses trial preparation techniques to help them be the best presenters of crucial information in highly charged cases.

Over time, I have garnered an exceptional reputation amongst my peers, opposing counsel, law enforcement, Superior Court Judges, and victims of crime. I am known for my integrity, honesty, fairness, and relentless pursuit of justice. I firmly believe in the importance, especially for those in a position of power, of treating everyone with dignity, respect, and fairness.

In embarking on this journey to be a superior court judge for the county that I have served for many years, I will be true to these values. The qualities that I have exhibited as an attorney speak volumes about my character and the judicial temperament I will display. I will ensure that the accused has his/her day in court, in a fair and equitable manner, so that every case can be decided on its merits. I will carefully weigh and consider the positions of all interested parties before coming to a decision. And I will reach decisions in an even-tempered manner consistent with the law.

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Lana Kim

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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My entire career has been dedicated to public service. I have been a Deputy District Attorney for almost 15 years, currently assigned to the Sex Crimes Division. Most of my career has been focused on protecting victims of sexual assault. But I have also handled complex fraud cases while assigned to the White Collar Crime Division.

Prior to the District Attorney's office and law school, I worked for Governor Gray Davis as his Special Assistant in his Private Office in the State Capitol.

As an accomplished trial attorney, I believe I have the background, training and experience to be a good and fair judge. Not only am I respected by my colleagues, but I have also garnered the respect and support from defense attorneys, judicial officers, court staff, and law enforcement.

I hope to continue to serve the community as a judge and commit to my work with the same integrity, fairness and temperament to the bench as I have demonstrated as an attorney.

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Adan Montalban

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

<https://montalbanforjudge.com/>

Adan Montalban is assigned to the Hardcore Gang Division of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. He has tried over 100 trials. He is endorsed by Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, SEIU 721, The Loyola Project for the Innocent, Deported Veterans Support House and over 50 judges including Judge Kevin Brazile, Presiding Judge of Los Angeles County.

Three years ago, he worked to free an innocent man who sat in jail for nearly 20 years for a crime he didn't commit. After the case was passed for over a decade, he accepted assignment of the case and helped uncover facts proving that Marco Contreras was wrongly convicted. Marco was immediately released and found factually innocent by the court.

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As a result of Adan Montalban's work and dedication to victims' rights as well as his work with correcting wrongful convictions, he was awarded Most Valuable Prosecutor of the Year in 2017. In 2018, he was recognized as Deputy District Attorney of the Year for his work in social justice. He is currently assigned to the Hardcore Gang Division prosecuting violent gang murders.

Adan Montalban has received several awards for the vastly rewarding work he has done in the community. After graduating from law school, he founded the Free Legal Clinic. There, he provided free legal advice, form preparation and representation as needed to indigent litigants. He also currently mentors at-risk 10 year-olds on a weekly basis. Many of these kids are homeless. He provides the kids with alternatives to bad choices, social lessons and provides class-work support. In December 2019, he was recognized by the City of Los Angeles for his work with children.

On a personal note, Adan Montalban grew up in a low-income community guided by strong immigrant parents and a series of life mentors spread throughout his life. His personal experiences and obstacles he has overcome from humble beginnings, have served him well as a Deputy District Attorney and will continue to assist his fair, unbiased and equitable decision-making as a Judge of the Superior Court.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO (Representing over 300 unions and over 800,000 workers)
- Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPD Union)
- SEIU 721 (Southern California Public Service Workers)
- LU 300 (Laborers' International Union of North America)
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Stonewall
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (Sheriffs Union)
- Loyola Law School, Project for the Innocent
- Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
- Deported Veterans Support House

Top Priorities Include:

- Provide equal access to justice for all through the fair, timely and efficient resolution of all cases.
- Provide a fair opportunity to be heard.
- Exercise fairness, impartiality and balance in judicial decisions.

Troy Slaten

Attorney/Legal Commentator

<http://www.troyslatenforjudge.com/>

- Managing attorney and Partner at Floyd Skeren Manukian Langevin. Troy joined FSML 10 years ago and quickly became the youngest partner in the firm's history.
- Supported by Unions, Firefighters and Law Enforcement
- Graduated with academic honors from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and continued his education at Pepperdine University School of Law, earning a Doctor of Law (JD) degree.
- Legal experience is vast and diverse including a wide variety of litigation, criminal, civil, transactional, administrative and other general business matters. Conducted numerous jury trials and court trials, worked successfully with prosecutors and law-enforcement, negotiated complex contracts, agreements and settlements.
- Serves the Los Angeles County Superior Court as a Temporary Judge.
- Manages a team of attorneys and outside counsel.
- Lectures on topics including constitutional law and civil rights.

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- Served on advisory boards of two environmental non-profits, Earth Communications Office and Kids For Saving Earth.
- Served on the Board of Directors for Pacific Lodge Youth Services. While serving on this board, Troy helped oversee the operation where nearly 80 school-aged and at-risk boys, most of whom were referrals from the County Department of Probation, were provided residential treatment and education.
- Has appeared on TV and in print hundreds of times, providing expert on-air legal commentary and analysis covering all sorts of legal topics on major media outlets including CNN, HLN, CBS News and Fox News.
- Member of SAG/AFTRA (AFL-CIO) since 1981.
- Childhood Actor – Television and Film (regular roles on “Parker Lewis Can’t Lose” “Cagney & Lacey” to name a few). Troy continued acting through UCLA undergraduate career until law school at Pepperdine.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- AFSCME - Representing Public Defenders and Courtroom Clerks
- WeTip - National Human Trafficking Tipline
- IATSE - International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employee
- Hon. Mayor Stacey Armato
- Hon. Vice Mayor Lester Friedman
- Hon. Julien Bailey
- Hon. Daniel Lee City Council Member, Culver City

Top Priorities Include:

- Protecting the Public
- Maintaining a courtroom where the law is followed and all parties are treated fairly and respectfully in an unbiased and impartial forum
- Equal access for all while efficiently and effectively managing the courtroom to ensure all parties have a fair opportunity to be heard.

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Manuel Alejandro Almada

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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Manuel was born in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico and like far too many, was raised by a single mother. Through his mother, he learned the value of hard work and perseverance.

These lessons served him well. Manuel worked at a restaurant as a food server while obtaining his Bachelor’s degree in political science, and a minor in psychology, from the University of Southern California.

Manuel went on to obtain a law degree from Whittier Law School. At Whittier, Manuel completed law school as part of an accelerated program in 2 1/2 years, graduating with honors, cum laude.

After passing the California Bar Exam on his first attempt, Manuel joined the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s Office as a Deputy City Prosecutor. There, he focused on quality of life issues affecting the residents of Long Beach.

Manuel then served the people of Santa Barbara County as a Deputy District Attorney. There, he prosecuted complex major fraud cases, as well as serious and violent felonies.

Since 2013, Manuel has served the people of Los Angeles County as a Deputy District Attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office.

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Manuel is currently assigned to the prestigious Victim Impact Program, where he prosecutes sex crimes and serious domestic violence cases.

Throughout his career, Manuel has prosecuted some of the most violent crimes, including: murder, child sexual assault, adult sexual assault, child physical abuse, elder abuse, gang violence, and domestic violence.

Manuel has handed 65 jury trials and has appellate experience as well as juvenile justice experience.

Recently, Manuel commented: "I believe that my background and legal experience will serve me well in sitting as a fair and effective judge of the superior court. To do so, it is paramount that everyone be treated with respect, and that the courts serve our diverse communities with fairness and compassion."

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Hon. Jackie Lacey, Los Angeles County District Attorney
- Hon. Steve Cooley, Former Los Angeles County District Attorney (2000-2012)
- Hon. Joyce Dudley, Santa Barbara County District Attorney
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys
- Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs

Top Priorities Include:

- Fair and accurate application of the law
- Provide the public with a safe and respectful opportunity to be heard
- Make legal decisions with compassion and efficiency

Sharri Onica Valle Cole

Attorney-at-Law

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Sherrri "Onica" Valle Cole, was a career criminal prosecutor with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Onica now works in private practice as a Civil Litigator. Onica graduated from Yale University with a degree in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry. She was a Loyola Scholar at Loyola Law School. Onica supported herself by teaching for Los Angeles Unified School District.

Onica volunteered as a Temporary Judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court and was regularly called upon to fulfill the duties of a judge. She is the only candidate with experience serving as a Temporary Judge and is certified to sit the areas of Small Claims, Traffic, Unlawful Detainers, Family Law and Restraining Orders. Onica has served as a Judge Pro Tem more than fifty times across Los Angeles County, from the Antelope Valley to Compton.

As a criminal prosecutor she walked the halls of the county courthouses on a regular basis and has negotiated hundreds of cases with bench officers and defense counsel. Onica's trial experience as a criminal prosecutor included cases that involved domestic violence, animal cruelty, assault with a deadly weapon, battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of a concealed weapon, brandishing a deadly weapon, prostitution, narcotic offenses, hit and run offenses and other serious criminal offenses.

From February 2009 through June of 2017, Onica was assigned to a vertical prosecution unit which focuses on Consumer Fraud crimes. As a consumer fraud prosecutor, she protected the public by prosecuting dangerous medical doctors, sale of untested and unapproved food and drugs, auto repair theft, marijuana clinics, incompetent and/or unlicensed immigrant consultants, would-be real estate brokers, loan modification and real estate fraud and grand theft.

Onica has vigorously prosecuted a number of immigrant consultants including Gloria Saucedo, Eblin Balver and Jesus Lozano and was invited to lecture on the topic of Immigration Fraud for the California Association of District Attorneys.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Not Qualified

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Selected Endorsements:

- San Pedro Democratic Club
- Canada Crescenta Democratic Club

Top Priorities Include:

- Reform Criminal Justice System with Focus on Mental Health
- Create services on evening and weekends for pro per litigants
- Improve access to courthouse for disabled litigants

Tom Parsekian

Attorney/Mediator

I have been a trial and litigation attorney in the Superior Courts for the past 28 years with a specific emphasis on Complex Litigation. Complex cases require keen organizational skills, and intellect, and as importantly, the facility to bring disparate interests together to find common ground and ultimately, resolution if at all possible. I have been bringing these qualities to my legal work since I began practicing law nearly 30 years ago, and have enjoyed success in reaching favorable results for my clients through both bench and jury trials to verdict and judgment, and appeals.

Our Superior Court is the largest single trial court in the United States, which necessarily requires its judges be able to handle any and all challenges at whatever level of complexity in the administration of justice throughout this very diverse and populous county. What happens in the trial court can have such a consequential and lasting effect on people's lives. So it is critically important that a judge have both understanding and empathy for all those that come before the court, and for the lasting effect the decisions made will have on them. I would be that judge.

It is critical that a judge makes decisions without fear or favor; without bias, without prejudice without preconceived notions or influences; but solely dedicated to the fair administration of justice. We need exceptional people with an unwavering dedication to the judiciary's core mission: to protect rights and liberties, uphold and interpret the law, and provide for the peaceful resolution of disputes. I would be that judge.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Hon. Adam Schiff, U.S. Representative, 28th Congressional District

Top Priorities Include:

- With heavy case workloads and limited resources, I would work to increase funding to the courts to benefit all living within the county, as more affordable access to the courts and faster adjudication of issues would lead to more equal justice.
- Returning live court reporters to every civil courtroom. Many times recording devices do not make accurate and/or intelligible records, leaving civil litigants disadvantaged.
- Attracting judges without bias, prejudice, preconceived notions or external influences to the bench, for better administration of justice. Judges must be able to take all those appearing with equal measures of empathy, civility, and respect.

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Scott Andrew Yang

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County

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Mr. Yang is currently a Deputy District Attorney assigned to the Sex Crimes Division, where he is known for not only his record as a strong criminal prosecutor, but as an advocate for victims and families. Previously, Scott worked for the Los Angeles County District Attorney in the Juvenile Crimes unit and has prosecuted cases ranging from domestic violence to child abuse, murder and other criminal offenses.

Before joining the DA's office, Mr. Yang was an attorney in private practice, specializing in real estate and other civil law matters. He also has experience running a small business. For nearly ten years Yang ran the family business – a vocational school in the San Gabriel Valley with over 1,000 graduates.

Yang has provided Victim Advocacy training to the Desert Oasis Center of the Antelope Valley, where volunteers help victims of domestic violence and sex crimes advocate for their rights and vital services. He has also worked with the Los Angeles County DA's Law Clerk program to help mentor college and law school students interested in a legal career.

He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutor Association.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- The Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
- SEIU 721
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS)
- Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association
- Los Angeles City Attorneys Association
- IBEW Local 11
- The Mexican American Bar Association
- Association of Deputy District Attorneys
- Latino Prosecutors Association
- Democratic Alliance for Action of Santa Clarita (DAA)
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Patrick Nelson, LASD Commander
- Detective Christopher Keeling, LASD Hate Crimes Division (North County)
- Eric J Perrodin, Former Mayor of Comp

Top Priorities:

- Be a fair and impartial Judge.
- Ensure Justice for all that enter the courtroom.
- Maintain the highest ethical standards.

David D. Diamond

Attorney/Adjunct Professor

<https://www.diamondforjudge.com/>

David has been a practicing lawyer for 20 years. He has a wide array of experience in the courtroom, having litigated criminal, civil, and family law matters in the Los Angeles Superior Court. David is a State Bar Certified, Criminal Law Specialist and honorably and humbly served as the Chairperson of the Burbank Police Commission. He has served as a Temporary Judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court and is currently a University Professor teaching Courts and Criminal Law.

He has handled several thousand matters, including numerous jury trials to verdict. He has argued multiple times before the California District Court of Appeals for the Second District. As a Grade IV attorney for the Los Angeles County Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program, David represents indigent criminal defendants in the Los Angeles County Superior Courts when the Public Defender (PD) and the Alternative Public Defender (APD) are unavailable or have a conflict. He has been both a professor of criminal justice and served as an associate adjunct professor of law, teaching trial advocacy

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at Southwestern Law School.

David has taught criminal justice at National University and served as an associate adjunct professor of law at Southwestern School of Law. He was excited to present lectures to a law school audience, entitled "confidence in the courtroom" and "trial evidence." He is the co-founder of the CACJ National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (National Mock Trial Law School Competition) and serves as also a volunteer football and baseball coach and is a member of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and the Vice-President of a local Little League.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Well Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stacey Wiese
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Hilleri Merritt
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Katherine Mader (CCB)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Tom Rubinson (Van Nuys)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lucy Armendariz
- Burbank Vice-Mayor, Bob Frutos
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Oscar Winslow (President of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Association)
- Police Commissioner, Amy Dineen

Top Priorities Include:

- Be fair and impartial for every litigant.
- Create a mutually respectful environment in the courtroom setting.
- Be open, transparent, honest and fair to every participant in the court proceedings.

Caree Annette Harper

Attorney/Radio Producer

<https://www.harper4judge.com/>

Referred to as a "Warrior Angel" by the editor of Pasadena Weekly, civil rights attorney, and superior court judge candidate in Los Angeles, CA, Caree Harper, was a recipient of the Shirley Fields Volunteer Award from the US House of Representatives and the Pasadena NAACP for dedicating almost 50 percent of her time to pro bono work in one year. She has been named as one of the "Top 100" National Trial Lawyers since 2014.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Caree Harper was a decorated police officer, achieving a "Lifesaving Medal" for diving into a canal of water, pulling out an unconscious, submerged driver & performing CPR until the victim was airlifted to safety where he fully recovered. Ms. Harper was injured in the line of duty and was re-trained by the department to be a certified paralegal. Caree was a private investigator for a City Attorneys' Office and worked for several law firms before & during law school.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates this candidate as Not Qualified

Selected Endorsements:

- Stevie Wonder's KJLH Radio host Dominique DiPrima of The FrontPage show
- Culver City Councilman Daniel Lee
- Congresswoman Maxine Waters
- L.A. Sentinel Newspaper
- New Frontier Democrats
- East Area Progressive Democrats
- Canada Cresenta Democratic Club

Top Priorities Include:

- Ensure that everyone is heard, and make sure that all litigants have due process in an efficiently ran courtroom.
- To be fair and impartial and also maintain the appearance of fairness & impartiality.
- To treat everyone with dignity and respect.

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MEMBER, COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 45th Assembly District

Scott Abrams

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democatic
No further information available

Leah K. Herzberg

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democatic
No further information available

Rebecca L. Wolfersberger

Retired Social Worker
Political Party: Democatic

I was raised in Overland Park, Kansas, oldest of 4 children. Father-Retired Minister/Bishop. Mother-Retired professor of piano & community music school director. I attended public schools (K-12) in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. I was active in church, college and community choirs for 20 years from the age of 5. I attended college in Oklahoma and graduate school in Indianapolis. I worked 10 years for the Department of Corrections in Indiana as an addictions counselor and classification specialist. I moved to CA in 1999 to work as a social worker in child protection until retiring in 2019. I'm passionate about music and saving the earth, humans, animals, plants, trees, air and water.

Top Priorities Include:

- Eliminating racial disparities and disproportionality in California prison system, public education, wealth inequality, infant and maternal mortality, redlining/housing, environmental justice, and passage of HR40 (reparations 4 descendants of slaves)
- Louder and more urgent voice within LADemParty for Green New Deal, cancellation of student debt, free college and trade schools
- Louder and more urgent voice for Medicare for All

Selected Endorsements:

- North Valley Democratic Club

Jeff Daar

Appointed Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democatic
No further information available

Betty Dumas-Toto

Healthcare Advocate Volunteer
Political Party: Democatic

Top Priorities Include:

- Advocate for affordable comprehensive healthcare for all Californians.
- Advocate for the facilitation of safe living environments for all Californians by supporting our unhoused community members with essential services.
- Foster mentorship of youth and students to become civically engaged and active in improving their communities.

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Noah Sachartoff

US Congressman's Advisor
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Marcos De Jesus Sanchez

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Christine Marie Shimizu

Small Business Owner
Political Party: Democratic

I was born and raised in Woodland Hills. I went to public schools: Woodlake Elementary, Hughes Jr. High, and El Camino. My father was a psychiatrist and my mother was heavily involved with the schools and the League of Women Voters. I inherited the drive to make an impact in my community from my mother. She spent decades educating people on the ballot measures on behalf of the League of Women Voters. After graduating from San Francisco State University with a BA in Drama, I was gone for a while, teaching English and running a theatrical production company in Japan. When I returned to this community in 2001 I was a single mom with a toddler son. We struggled for a while but friends, family and the community always had our backs. I eventually got my MBA and was able to start my own business, Topper Packaging, LLC which has grown to the point that I've been able to pay the bills and keep a roof over our heads. My son is now soon to graduate from UCLA with a double major in Political Science and International Industrial Development. I'm looking forward to many years of continuing to serve my customers and my community.

Top Priorities Include:

- Helping to get a Medicare for All/Single Payer system become a reality in the United States
- Finding a way to unite the community behind a plan for the homeless crises that provides a compassionate and effective solution for the unhoused.
- Holding elected officials and corporations that have put public safety at risk accountable with respect to protecting the rights of everyone in the community and protecting our environment.

Jason C. Small

Contractor/Business Owner
Political Party: Democratic

I'm a 49 year old Dad, activist, and builder. I ran as a National Delegate for Bernie Sanders in 2016 and was one of 55 Presidential Elector Candidates for the write-in Campaign in that year's General Election. It is my ardent hope that we all continue to awaken to the critical change we need to make, as human beings, in our interaction with others and the planet that sustains us all. That all of us cease to be dissuaded and distracted by the constant bombardment of insignificant information and it's desired effect. That we all cease to be placated by controlled opposition, created and sustained by the corporate class on a national and global scale. That we all realize daily, and act on our own "given" intuitions. That we all continue to take heart and stand for what we inherently know to be just. That we continue to exemplify the courage it takes to sometimes be the only one in a crowd doing so. With all of us dedicated to seeking the truth and acting on what we discover individually and collectively, we cannot miss the boat.

I endorse my Slate-mates: Betty Dumas-Toto, Michelle R Verne, Chris Manabe, Yessica Manabe, Christine Shimizu, & Rebecca Wolfersberger. We have been endorsed by the "Feel The Bern Democratic Club/San Fernando Valley. We have endorsed Cj Berina for the Congress in CD 30. And we, of course, endorse Bernie Sanders for the Democratic Nomination.

My top priorities are affordable housing & bridge housing for our most vulnerable. I also strongly support Senator Sanders entire platform, but locally, it's all about housing.

Christopher R. Manabe

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Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Yessica Marissa Manabe

Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

***Richard M. Mathews**

Scientist/Engineer

Political Party: Democratic

<http://www.voterichard.org/>

- Member of the County Central Committee since 2007
- Member of its Rules Committee
- Formerly its Regional Vice Chair
- Chair of the state party's subcommittee on federal legislation
- Member of the executive board of the state party
- President of North Valley Democratic Club

As a former astrophysicist, I focus on using sound science to develop good policy in Sacramento and Washington.

I am a San Fernando Valley native and have lived my whole life in this area. I was born in Encino and have lived most of my life around Chatsworth, where I am now, and Porter Ranch.

Some of my earliest action as an activist was marching for Cesar Chavez to boycott grapes. I worked in the McGovern campaign. I walked precincts for my mother's congressional campaign.

My family has taught me the importance of protecting all families, not just those who fit some specific mold. Families must be given the freedom to prosper in their own way while being empowered with great opportunities including good jobs, quality education, affordable health care, and a safe environment. Those are family values I cherish.

I have served as Parliamentarian and Member of the Board of Trustees of The Summer Science Program, an educational non-profit that provides teenagers with an opportunity to study math, physics, and astronomy in a college-like environment and to work on a real science project with real scientists.

After 12 years of public school in the Los Angeles Unified School District, I went to Caltech in Pasadena where I majored in astronomy and physics.

I left physics to become a software engineer and manager. I was a principal in a small start-up company in Calabasas designing computer storage products. I was Chief Technology officer at another computer company in Chatsworth. I previously worked for 8 years at Micro Memory, a small but long established company in Chatsworth. Before that, I was at Sun Microsystems for 9 years.

I learned much from my contrasting experiences with these different companies. Micro Memory did its own production in the United States until it was bought out and shut down by a much larger company. Sun had been outsourcing many jobs to India and other foreign countries. More recently I got to see the entrepreneurial side with a start-up. We must work harder to keep jobs here. Creating jobs for many must be more important than profits that go to only a few. For this country to be a technological leader, we need quality public education including the right to go to college. We should invest in basic research done in the United States by citizens and permanent residents.

Top Priorities Include:

- Electing progressive Democrats, especially those who prioritize fixing climate
- Making the Democratic Party a better party, more responsive to voters than big donors
- Shut Aliso Down and protect us from effects of the Porter Ranch natural-gas blowout and from future leaks

Selected Endorsements:

- North Valley Democratic Club
- RL Miller, founder of Climate Hawks Vote and chair of state party's Environmental Caucus

Michelle R. Verne

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Political Party: Democratic

I currently work for UnitedHealthcare as a Healthcare Service Coordinator, however I am a strong advocate of Medicare for All. I'm also an author and have written a book entitled Manic Man: Life with My Bipolar Father that is in the rewriting stage and is being reviewed by one of the most prestigious agents in the country. I'm a Journalism graduate from Cal State University Northridge and am the current President of Feel The Bern San Fernando Valley Democratic Club.

Top Priorities Include:

- Ensure to represent the community in obtaining a Healthcare for all bill in California.
- Commit to help in fighting to reduce emissions in our community to help fight climate change.
- Assist in guaranteeing all colleges be tuition and debt free.

Elizabeth Badger

Member, County Central Committee

Political Party: Democratic

Cecil S. Bendavid

Member, County Central Committee

Political Party: Democratic

Cecile Bendavid is a member of the Los Angeles County Committee and is chair of the 45 Assembly District Committee as well as Vice-Chair of Region 2 that includes Assembly Districts 39, 45 and 46. She also is elected to the California Democratic Party State Executive Board, a position she has held for many years.

Cecile is an active Union Member and serves as the Secretary of the California Faculty Association Chapter at CSU Northridge. She is also the Political Action Director for the Union for the campus. Cecile's main focus is to help elect legislators who will vote to provide free or affordable quality public education in the state of California. She has been a professor at CSUN for the past 23 years.

As a member of the California State Central Committee, she attends all state conventions and is appointed to the State Legislative committee. In Los Angeles, she also serves on the Legislative Committee.

Top Priorities Include:

- Free Higher Education in the state of California
- Help to eliminate homelessness in California
- Equal opportunity for women in employment, education, and advancement.

Raymond J. Bishop

Small Business Owner

Political Party: Democratic

I was commended by my commanding officer in Vietnam for professional actions & sense of urgency displayed during a Viet Cong attack: "your self-discipline and cool thinking preserved order and saved lives."

Upon return as a partially disabled veteran, I worked as an organizer to end the war. I have served as a life long advocate for a better world. I served as a consultant to the Carter White House and to a Congressman. Elected to the executive board of the CA State Democratic Party and elected to Chair the Business & Professional Caucus for the past ten years. I was elected to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, serve on the Legislative Committee and was honored as a Democrat of the Year. Now I am running for re-election in March.

I was elected to the Board of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley and several Democratic Clubs.

I have served as a LA City Commissioner since first appointed by Mayor Bradley, in a number of posts, including Council on Aging, Harbor, Convention Center, Industrial Development Authority and Currently serve as a City Planning Commissioner. Have served for twenty years as a Los Angeles County Small Business Commissioner and as the Vice Chair and Chair of this Commission. I was appointed to the Commission for the State Film Advisory Board and also the State Small Business

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Commission. I was appointed to the Advisory Board of several elected officials over the years and have received over thirty certificates of commendation from elected officials as well as many letters from non profit groups thanking me for my contributions and service.

I have been a member of the Producers Guild of America for over forty-five years, I have served on the boards of many Chamber of Commerce organizations, was elected to the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, and served with the Los Angeles Business Council as well as a member of the United Hospital Association and several other professional groups.

I attended East Los Angeles College, CSUN and UCLA and received a degree in business and accounting and attended film school along with many other courses over the years.

I served as the CFO, Treasurer and founding member of TELACU, The East Los Angeles Community Union. Ray Bishop & Associates provided accounting, tax preparation & business management Services to companies and individuals to include Producers, Directors, Actors, Musicians, Attorneys, and Physicians.

I was the co-founder and Administrator of the Valley Psychiatric Medical Clinic which grew to be recognized as one of the finest and largest clinics with over twenty professional health providers. I organized and purchased Community Hospital of North Hollywood and served as the Chairman of the Governing Board and Board of Directors. I was the founder and administrator of the Coldwater Medical Group with six physicians. My company managed these health institutions.

I provided accounting, management services and negotiated contracts for many board and care homes including Penny Lane, the Exceptional Childrens Foundation, and others. I formed and served as the Chair of the Valley Health Fund, a non-profit organization. As such, I organized SOS, Save our Seniors to provide free health screens to senior citizens, developed and funded a juvenile diversion program in conjunction with UCLA, obtained a grant to conduct a study to de-toxify heroin addicts, providing treatment to approximately eighty addicts a day. I acquired Hyatt Alcoholism Centers and after changing the name to; CAP, Community Alcoholism Program, worked with AA to treat victims of alcoholism.

I was the President and Chair of Image International, a motion picture production company, the producer and owner of the last film of Zero Mostel. With Mary Ellis Bunim I worked with Bunim Murray Productions to develop new shows such as Simple Life, Starting Over, Real Medical and also helped organize productions of shows such as Real World and Road Rules.

I owned and operated the LA Cabaret Comedy Club serving the San Fernando Valley for over fifteen years. I was responsible for a highly successful club that was the home of many highly successful comics who had a start at my club.

I have served as a Licensed Commercial and Business Broker, under my company Bishop Associates and have served as the listing agent, manager and sales agent for many properties including shopping centers, office buildings, retail centers, land and businesses. We provide consulting services to many business owners and professionals.

Top Priorities Include:

- Reverse Citizens United, Reduce the Impact of Money over Elected Officials.
- Establish a goal to reduce the Impact of Climate Change to Protect our Environment.
- Advocate for Health Care and Education as a Human Right

MEMBER, COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 46th Assembly District

John Bryan Alford

Congressman's Policy Deputy

Political Party: Democatic

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Alton F. Reed

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Joyce M. Rubin

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

David Alan Hyman

Neighborhood Councilman/Environmentalist
Political Party: Democratic

I am presently an alternate on the Democratic Central Committee 46 AD. This body helps to elect Democrats county wide. I participate most months by going to the convention center when the new citizens are sworn in & assist in the party's voter registration drive there. I usually get involved in the local, state & federal campaigns to some degree and have been helping elect Valley Dems since I was 13 years old.

I am a lifetime member of the Sierra Club and also serve as an outings leader plus I'm on the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club Political Committee. I am also a trustee for my local NALC Union branch and a legislation liaison for them as well. I have served on my local Neighborhood Council since it was founded. Thanks for your consideration.

Selected Endorsements:

- North Valley Dem Club
- Action Dem Club
- Democrats for Israel (DFI).

Carolyn M. Hoff

Privacy Transactional Attorney
Political Party: Democratic
<https://www.facebook.com/CarolynHoffforLACDP>

I running for the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) Central Committee in California Assembly District 46 to:

- Ensure your voice is heard by the Los Angeles and California Democratic Party,
- Advocate and work for healthcare and equality for all in California, and
- Fight for immediate and long-term solutions to the homeless and affordable housing crisis.

I am a lifelong democrat, attorney with privacy rights and health benefits experience, former healthcare consultant, campaign volunteer beginning with Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign and:

- Member of the California Democratic State Central Committee
- Alternate member of the LACDP Central Committee
- Board Member - National Women's Political Caucus – San Fernando Valley
- Community volunteer for Valley Community Healthcare (which runs multiple clinics providing medical, mental health, dental and vision care to approximately 23,000 low to low income individuals in the San Fernando Valley)

My endorsements include:

- National Women's Political Caucus – San Fernando Valley
- North Valley Democratic Club of Los Angeles
- Action Democrats of San Fernando Valley

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- Monthly Democratic Lunch – Campaign volunteer group

Top priorities include:

- Ensure your voice is heard by the Los Angeles and California Democratic Party.
- Advocate and work for healthcare and equality for all in California.
- Fight for immediate and long-term solutions to the homeless and affordable housing crisis.

Dan Lopez

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Brandon (Don E. Ford) Nelson

Strategist/Actor/Director
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Paul Kujawsky

Retired Teacher
Political Party: Democratic

Paul Kujawsky is a liberal democrat, an attorney and retired LAUSD teacher. He is a former president of Democrats for Israel, Los Angeles. Currently, Paul is the co-chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party's Legislative Action Committee; a member of the California Democratic Party's Legislation Committee; and a member of Progressive Zionists of California's board of directors.

His priorities as a Democrat are defeating Trump and electing a Democratic president; retaining Democratic control of the House of Representatives; reestablishing Democratic control of the Senate; and fighting antisemitism and anti-Zionism within the Democratic Party.

Jose Sandoval

Animal Rights Activist
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Jaye “Bonnie” Shatun

Member, County Central Committee
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

Jerilyn V. Stapleton

Incumbent
Political Party: Democratic
No further information available

County Measure R

Titled:

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Civilian Police Oversight Commission and Jail Plan Initiative

What it does:

Authorizes the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to develop a Comprehensive Public Safety Reinvestment Plan designed to reduce jail population and incarceration and granting the commission subpoena power to investigate complaints.

What if it passes?

The measure requires L.A. County to invest in rehabilitation and mental health treatment, grant the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) with subpoena power to effectively and independently investigate misconduct. The COC will then be mandated to develop a plan to reduce jail populations and L.A. County will be mandated to redirect all cost savings from reduced incarceration to public priorities, such as drug treatment, housing, and mental health care.

Why it's on the ballot:

Measure R is a citizens' initiative conceived and promoted by Reform L.A. Jails that qualified for placement on the ballot based on a sufficient number of registered voters signing a petition proposing this ballot measure. Reform LA Jails was founded by activist, public speaker, and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Global Network, Patrisse Cullors.

What is the status of the jail population in Los Angeles County?

In 2019, the Los Angeles County jail system reported an average daily inmate population of approximately 17,150 across eight facilities. The Board of State and Community Corrections rated the capacity for the seven facilities within the jail system at 12,537 inmates. In 2019, the average stay for a sentenced inmate was 64 days.

A recent report by the RAND Corporation says that based on a variety of clinical and legal factors, that a vast majority of people with mental illness inside LA County jails could and should be diverted. This means placing inmates who are homeless, have substance abuse disorder or are severely mentally ill into housing and community treatment instead of jail. Researchers for the study estimated that about 61% of the individuals in the jail mental health population were appropriate candidates for diversion, 7% were potentially appropriate for diversion and 32% were not appropriate for diversion. 61% equals over 3,300 extremely vulnerable human beings currently held in cages unnecessarily. In a single month (June 2019), 5,544 out of 17,204 inmates were in mental health housing units and/or on psychotropic medication and women were more likely to be eligible for diversion than men, even though the majority of mentally ill inmates were male.

Argument For:

Priscilla Ocen, vice-chair of the Civilian Oversight Commission, said, "The Civilian Oversight Commission needs additional authority to ensure transparency and accountability in law enforcement in L.A. County. ... It will allow the community to ask important questions and to demand answers so that we can respond and ensure that we have an equitable system of policing in L.A. County."

Argument Against:

Mary Wickham, counsel for Los Angeles County, said, "The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) believes the current investigative model works well, making the initiative unnecessary. ... Collaboration between the OIG and Civilian Oversight Commission (as well as the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)

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has been instrumental in effectuating reform in such areas as body cameras, compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act and identification of secret societies within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department."

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[L.A. branch of the Black Lives Matter movement](#)

[MA Senator Elizabeth Warren \(D\)](#)

[VT Senator Bernie Sanders \(D\)](#)

[State Senator Holly Mitchell \(D\)](#)

[Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson \(D\)](#)

[Compton Mayor Aja Brown\(D\)](#)

[Newspaper La Opinion](#)

STATE:

State Measure 13

Titled:

Authorizes Bonds for Facility Repair, Construction, and Modernization at Public Preschools, K–12 Schools, Community Colleges, and Universities. Legislative Statute

What it does:

Authorizes \$15 billion in bonds for school and college facilities in California, including \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools, \$4 billion for universities, and \$2 billion for community colleges.

What if it passes?

Prop 13 would allow the state to sell \$15 billion in new bonds to pay to improve school and college facilities that are in disrepair, prioritizing projects that address fire and safety issues, including earthquake retrofitting. Additionally, Prop 13 would require regular audits to ensure that construction projects using state bond money are going according to plan and no more than 5% may be spent on administrative costs. Money would go toward these programs in these amounts: \$6 billion for higher education - \$2 billion for UC system, \$2 billion for CSU system, \$2 billion for community colleges. \$9 billion for K-12 - \$5.2 billion for modernization & renovation, \$2.8 billion for new construction, \$500 Million to charter schools, \$500 million to career technical education programs

Why it's on the ballot:

Lawmakers, Democrat and Republican, overwhelmingly voted to put this on the ballot, stressing California's urgent need to modernize its facilities. Academics say that addressing a backlog of those needs would cost about \$117 billion over the next decade. California voters approved a \$9 billion school bond in 2016, but all that money has been accounted for and oversubscribed.

Budget effect:

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New borrowing will be \$15 billion plus another \$11 billion to be paid in interest, for a total estimated cost of \$26 billion. Repaying the bonds plus interest would cost the state about \$740 million each year for the next 35 years from the General Fund. This yearly amount is about half of one percent of 2019's General Fund expenditures of \$147.8 billion.

People for say:

- According to Public Policy Institute of California, 70% of our state's 10,000-plus schools and 300,000 classrooms are more than 25 years old. 10% are at least 70 years old. Schools statewide are projected to need more than \$100 billion over the next decade simply to meet basic health, safety, and curriculum standards. Yet California's per-pupil spending on school facilities has sharply declined since 2006.
- Too many schools suffer from unsafe conditions, including poor air and water quality and contamination from mold and asbestos. Prop. 13 provides funding to fix rundown buildings, replace deteriorating water pipes with clean drinking water, and remove hazardous materials from aging classrooms.
- Prop. 13 provides for functioning smoke and fire alarms, physical security improvements, and long-overdue seismic upgrades. It also expands access to preschool, guidance counselors, and school nurses for health care and mental health.
- Prop. 13 provides vital and immediate assistance, including temporary facilities and power generators, to schools impacted by wildfires and catastrophic events.
- Prop. 13 enables local schools and community colleges to expand high-quality career technical education to help more Californians, including veterans who have served our country, prepare for high-skill, high-wage jobs in the modern economy.
- It funds local school improvement projects, where local communities and taxpayers have a powerful voice in deciding how these funds can be prioritized to strengthen neighborhood schools.
- Fiscally responsible, Prop. 13 strictly limits administrative costs, ensuring that funds are directly spent on schools, not government bureaucracy. It requires tough independent audits and open public hearings.
- It was placed on the ballot by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of state lawmakers. It's also supported by a broad-based coalition of teachers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, and military veterans.

People against say:

- Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature should have spent the state's \$21 billion surplus to upgrade school facilities instead of "wasting our money on their own pet projects." As a result, wasteful money pits in the vast education bureaucracy will grab much of this money for wasteful construction projects that benefit special interests.
- A hidden provision of this proposition will encourage local school districts to increase their borrowing by more than 60%. Local school debt is paid back with higher property taxes. We're already paying a fortune for previous borrowing, and the problem is never fixed.
- California's schools are consistently ranked near the lowest in the country. Rather than just throwing \$27 billion into school construction projects, our state needs a well thought out, long-term solution to achieve a high standard of excellence in reading, writing, and math. This costly measure does nothing to improve classroom instruction or help our children succeed.

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[Secretary of State Alex Padilla \(D\)](#)
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Democratic Presidential Primary

John K. Delaney

Ended his presidential campaign on January 31, 2020.

Amy Klobuchar

[Amy Klobuchar for President: Let's Get to Work!](#)

Bio ([ballotpedia.org](#)): Klobuchar was born in 1960 and grew up in Plymouth, Minnesota. She earned her B.A. graduating magna cum laude from Yale University in 1982, and she received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1985. Prior to running for public office, Klobuchar was a partner at the law firms of Dorsey & Whitney and Gray Plant Mooty. In 2006, she was first elected to the U.S. Senate. She was re-elected in 2012 and 2018. In 2014, Senate Democrats elected Klobuchar as chair of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, which works with advocacy groups, policy experts, and intergovernmental organizations to shape policy positions.

Policy Positions ([politico.com](#)):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage; Build on the ACA's foundation

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- Gun Control - Support a ban on assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - During a Fox News town hall, Sen. Amy Klobuchar said "there are limits there in the third trimester that are very important — about — except for the health of the woman."
- Economy - Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Support broad paid family and medical leave plans up to 12 weeks
- Education - Support charter schools and accountability; Two years of college should be free; Boost teacher pay
- Environment - Support nuclear power; End new oil and gas leases on federal land and end offshore drilling; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers; would consider backing border wall funding as part of a broader bill that provides a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants.

Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

Former VP Walter Mondale; Governor of MN, Tim Waltz; MN Senator, Tina Smith

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Bernie Sanders

[Not Me. Us.](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Sanders was born in 1941 in Brooklyn, New York, where he grew up. He earned his B.A. in political science from the University of Chicago in 1964 and went on to lecture at Harvard University and Hamilton College in New York. He was elected mayor of Burlington, VT as an independent in 1981. He was elected to the House in 1990. He served in the House until 2007, when he became a member of the U.S. Senate following his election to the chamber the previous year. Sanders sought the Democratic nomination for president in 2016, which he lost to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Though Sanders has held elected office as an independent since 1981 and sought the Democratic nomination for president, he identifies as a democratic socialist.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Medicare for All; A plan from Sen. Bernie Sanders would guarantee no-cost coverage for a wide range of benefits. It would effectively eliminate the private health insurance sector, in favor of having the government pay for the nation's medical expenses for everything from primary care to dental services, long-term care and abortion.
- Gun Control - Support a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - Few limits, if any on abortions
- Economy - Construction funding, rent control and taxes to curb speculation for affordable housing; Raise taxes on the wealthy, create new social programs; Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Support several months of broad paid leave
- Education - Restrict charter school growth; College should be free; Cancel all student debt; Boost teacher pay; Universal free meals in schools

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- Environment - Support closing down existing nuclear power reactors; Ban fracking everywhere; Impose government regulations to reduce carbon emissions; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers; wipe Section 1325 out of federal law; Doesn't support additional wall funding

Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

VT Senator, Patrick J. Leahy

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Joe Sestak

Ended his presidential campaign on December 1, 2019.

Tom Steyer

[Tom Steyer - Democrat for President in 2020](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Steyer was born in 1957 and grew up in New York City. He studied economics and political science at Yale University, graduating summa cum laude. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. After graduate school, Steyer worked for the New York investment bank Goldman Sachs and moved to San Francisco in 1986 to join the private equity firm Hellman & Friedman. He then started his own hedge fund, Farallon Capital Management, which he managed until 2012, when he retired to focus on political advocacy and philanthropy. In 2013, Steyer founded NextGen Climate. Steyer rebranded NextGen Climate as NextGen America in July 2017 to reflect a broader focus on opposition to President Donald Trump and support for a range of progressive policies. In May 2016, Forbes listed Steyer at number 387 on its list of the 400 wealthiest people in the United States.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage
- Gun Control - Support a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks; In favor of a national firearm registry
- Reproductive Rights - While he has supported abortion rights, he has not elaborated on whether there should be limits, especially later in a pregnancy.
- Economy - boost funding for the national Housing Trust Fund and increase the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to spur the construction of affordable housing; Support several months of broad paid leave
- Education -
- Environment - End new oil and gas leases on federal land and end offshore drilling; Create a cap-and-trade program to reduce carbon emissions; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers and executive actions to help them legalize in the meantime; Don't support additional wall funding; wipe Section 1325 out of federal law

Major Donors (opensecrets.org):

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Deval Patrick

Ended his presidential campaign on February 12, 2020

Michael Bennet

[Michael Bennet for America](#)

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage; Build on the ACA's foundation
- Gun Control - Support a ban on assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - Few limits, if any on abortion
- Economy - Invest in workers and rural America; Raise the federal minimum wage to \$12/hour; Support several months of broad paid leave
- Education - Support charter schools and accountability; Expand or fix existing student debt-relief programs; Boost teacher pay
- Environment - Regulate drilling more strictly, but don't end it; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers; keep criminal immigration penalties on the books; Back additional wall funding in broader immigration legislation (politico.com)

Michael R. Bloomberg

[Mike Bloomberg for President | Official 2020 Campaign Website](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Bloomberg was born in 1942 near Boston and raised in Medford, Massachusetts. He studied electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins University and earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. After graduate school, Bloomberg worked at Salomon Brothers in New York City and was made a general partner in 1976. He left the company in 1981 and founded a startup, later known as Bloomberg LP, which provided computer terminals with real-time financial information. Bloomberg continued to expand his business and launched several media outlets, including Bloomberg News, Bloomberg Radio, and Bloomberg Television. In 2001, Bloomberg was elected mayor of New York City as a Republican candidate. He ran and won two more terms, serving until 2013.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage
- Gun Control - Support a ban on assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights -
- Economy - Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Indicates support for paid family and sick leave; He has promised to increase spending on research and development by over \$100 billion through agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense in an effort to innovate manufacturing and agriculture.
- Education - Support charter schools and accountability

Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

Governor of RI, Gina Raimondo; Mayor of DC, Muriel Bowser

Major Donors (opensecrets.org):

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Mosie Boyd

[Mosie Boyd for President - True Grit - Mosie Boyd for President - True Grit](#)

Bio (campaign website): Mosie Boyd owns True Grit Law Firm in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She also manages The River Valley Economic Development Council. Mosie Boyd also leads Madam President PAC, a federal political action committee dedicated to electing women to the U.S. presidency. She earned her undergraduate degree in American Civilization from Brown University, a master's degree in National Security Studies from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and a law degree at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. She taught English at Dalian University of Technology through Princeton-in-Asia, worked in the Oil & Gas Division of The World Bank (as a contract employee) and studied for a term at St. Catherine's College, Oxford. She served four missions in Bosnia through the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Policy Positions (campaign website):

- Health Care - End opioid epidemic and drug addiction
- Gun Control - Boyd believes that the "Don't Shoot" & Drug Market Intervention strategies can and should be used to help reduce gun violence and school shootings.

Cory Booker

Ended his presidential campaign on January 13, 2020.

Pete Buttigieg

[Pete Buttigieg for President - Official Campaign Website](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Buttigieg was born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1982. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and literature from Harvard University. He also studied philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar. From 2007 to 2010, Buttigieg worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Company, specializing in economic development, business, logistics, and energy initiatives for government and private sector clients. He became a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2009. In 2011, he won the South Bend mayoral election with 74% of the vote. At the age of 29, he was the youngest mayor of a city with more than 100,000 residents. In 2014, he took a leave of absence as mayor and completed a seven-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, earning the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his contributions to counterterrorism. He was re-elected mayor in 2015 with 80% of the vote.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage
- Gun Control - Support a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks; In favor of a gun licensing program
- Reproductive Rights - Few limits, if any on abortion
- Economy - Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Support broad paid family and medical leave plans up to 12 weeks; Increase existing taxes on upper-income Americans
- Education - Against for-profit charter schools; Students shouldn't have to take on debt; He has proposed providing debt relief to borrowers in exchange for national service and canceling the loans of borrowers who attended low-performing career training programs at mostly for-profit colleges; Boost teacher pay
- Environment - End new oil and gas leases on federal land and end offshore drilling; Tax carbon emissions; Support nuclear power; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers

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Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

Former DNC Chair, Steven Grossman;

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Joseph R. Biden

[Joe Biden for President: Official Campaign Website](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Biden was born in 1942 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in history and political science and received his law degree from the Syracuse University Law School. Biden practiced law and worked as a public defender before seeking public office. From 1970 to 1972, Biden served on the New Castle County Council. He was elected to represent Delaware in the U.S. Senate at the age of 29. Biden served in the Senate from 1973 to 2009. During his Senate career, he chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Foreign Relations for several years. Biden served as vice president to Barack Obama from 2009 to 2017.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Opposes Medicare for All, but would expand coverage; Build on the ACA's foundation
- Gun Control - Support a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - Biden's position on abortion has essentially spanned the entire spectrum — in the 1980s, Biden, who is Roman Catholic, supported a constitutional amendment that would have let states reverse the Roe decision, and he was previously quoted saying the decision "went too far" (although he's since changed his position). While in the Senate, he voted on to ban a certain late-term abortion procedure as recently as 2003. And a video from 2006 recently emerged in which he said: "I'm a little bit of an odd man out in my party." He has not directly disavowed casting those votes.
- Economy - Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Indicates support for paid family and sick leave; Raise corporate taxes, but keep rates lower than before 2017
- Education - Against for-profit charter schools; Two years of college should be free; Expand or fix existing student debt-relief programs; Boost teacher pay
- Environment - Support developing new nuclear technologies as part of an effort to fight climate change; End new oil and gas leases on federal land and end offshore drilling; Tax carbon emissions; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers; keep criminal immigration penalties on the books

Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

Former DNC Chairs, Chris Dodd and Paul Kirk; Past presidential nominee, John Kerry; Governor of CT, Ned Lamont; Governor of DE, John Carney; Governor of NY, Andrew Cuomo; California Senator, Diane Feinstein;

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Tulsi Gabbard

[Tulsi Gabbard for President - Official Website - TULSI 2020](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Gabbard was born in 1981 and grew up in Hawaii. In 2002, when she won election to the state House of Representatives at the age of 21, she was the youngest person elected to public office in the state's history. She served in the House until 2004. Since 2003, Gabbard has been a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard. She has been deployed on two tours of duty in the Middle East. Between the two tours, Gabbard graduated from the Accelerated Officer Candidate School at the Alabama Military Academy and received a B.S. in business administration from Hawaii Pacific University. Gabbard was elected to the Honolulu City Council in 2010. She served on the council until 2012, when she ran for and won a seat in the U.S. House. Gabbard was the first Hindu elected to Congress.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Medicare for All, but would accept Medicare for Some
- Gun Control - Support a ban on assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - Few limits, if any on abortion
- Economy - Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Support broad paid family and medical leave plans up to 12 weeks;
- Education - College should be free; Expand or fix existing student debt-relief programs
- Environment - Support closing down existing nuclear power reactors
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers and executive actions to help them legalize in the meantime

Major Donors (opensecrets.org):

No PAC money.

Mark Stewart Greenstein

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Bio (candidate website): Mark Stewart is a businessman, former lawyer, and educator. During law school, he supported himself teaching SAT prep courses. He felt he could do better for students and founded a tutoring firm of his own in 2001. Since then he has helped over 5000 students enter competitive colleges. His current business is Education Excellence, which gives students more post-grad opportunities through outsourced in-school guidance counseling. Mark is a liberty-oriented democrat.

Policy Positions (candidate website):

- Economy - End State Welfare; End Income Tax (in 3 years);
- Education - Voucher-based school programs;
- Environment - The environmental movement at the national level has been overrun by Marxists. These people use "the environment" as a sledgehammer against small business and small property owners.

Julian Castro

Ended his presidential campaign on January 2, 2020.

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Michael A Ellinger

[Michael E 2020](#)

Bio (candidate website): Ellinger was born and raised in Ohio and earned a B.S. in Business Administration at Miami University (Oxford, OH) and is currently completing his Master's Degree in the Field of Government from Harvard University Extension School (on-track to graduate in May 2020).

Policy Positions (candidates website):

- Health Care - Supports single-payer national healthcare for all citizens
- Gun Control - There are bills we can pass that will protect the original intent of the Second Amendment but help prevent another tragic and unnecessary loss
- Economy - raise the minimum wage and provide more protections to low income and middle class families
- Education - Congress should provide education reform in the form of more grants, improved public school facilities, textbooks and even nutritious lunches.
- Environment - Climate change is real and we need to act now in order to reverse its impact and real threats to future generations.
- Immigration - supports legislation to protect recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Temporary Protected Status programs and will uphold the rights of asylum seekers.

Elizabeth Warren

[Elizabeth Warren](#)

Bio (ballotpedia.org): Warren was born in 1949 and grew up in Oklahoma. She graduated from high school at age 16 and earned a B.S. in speech pathology in 1970 from the University of Houston. She earned her J.D. from Rutgers Law School. Warren taught at the University of Texas, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard University. Warren also authored 11 books about the economy, the middle class, and personal finance. In the mid-1990s, Warren served on the National Bankruptcy Review Commission. In 1996, she changed her affiliation from Republican to Democratic. Warren won the 2012 U.S. Senate election in Massachusetts with 53 percent of the vote, defeating incumbent Scott Brown (R). She was the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate representing Massachusetts.

Policy Positions (politico.com):

- Health Care - Medicare for All or bust
- Gun Control - Support a ban on assault weapons; In favor of universal background checks
- Reproductive Rights - Few limits, if any on abortions
- Economy - Federal funds to build more houses; Raise taxes on the wealthy, create new social programs; Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour; Support broad paid family and medical leave plans up to 12 weeks
- Education - Restrict charter school growth; College should be free; Warren's loan-forgiveness plan is targeted at lower- and middle-income borrowers. Her plan calls for eliminating up to \$50,000 of student-loan debt for borrowers earning less than \$100,000 — with proportionally less debt relief for those earning up to \$250,000; Boost teacher pay
- Environment - Ban fracking everywhere; Impose government regulations to reduce carbon emissions; Pay farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices
- Immigration - Citizenship for Dreamers; Don't support additional wall funding

Supporters (fivethirtyeight.com):

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Marianne Williamson

Ended her presidential campaign on January 10, 2020.

Andrew Yang

Ended his presidential campaign on February 11, 2020.

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