



# Voter Guide 2020

Los Angeles County  
General Election

VOTING THROUGH  
THE LENS OF  
RACIAL AND GENDER  
EQUITY

BALLOTS DROP/VOTING BEGINS  
MONDAY · OCTOBER 5, 2020

ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY · NOVEMBER 3, 2020

*This is a guide though a complicated ballot. There are areas of opposing opinion even within progressive thinking, thus we used our lens of gender and racial equity as an additional consideration. We encourage additional research -- particularly where marked with \**

## Recommendations

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY

#### George Gascón

The LADA prosecutes nearly 200,000 cases each year and is the largest prosecutor's office in the country. Black Lives Matter, the ACLU, #FreeAmerica and other leading activists are criticizing incumbent Jackie Lacey for not prosecuting police killings of Black and Brown Angelinos. The criminal justice reform community is rallying behind challenger candidate George Gascón and we think he deserves your vote.

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### D2: Holly Mitchell

"Mitchell...has been working in issues of equity and reform for her entire career. She displays the moral and policy compass Los Angeles needs in a county supervisor. The Times again endorses Mitchell unreservedly." - LA Times

### JUDICIAL

Overall, we believe the balance on the bench is tilted towards former prosecutors and needs to be balanced with social justice-minded judges who will help transform our system, not be more of the same.

**NO. 72** – Mayanna Dellinger\*  
**NO. 80** – Klint James McCay  
**NO. 162** – David D. Diamond

### LA CITY COUNCIL

The current LA City Council is represented by 2 women and 13 men. We encourage the women voters of Los Angeles to support women candidates for these positions whenever possible!

**CD4:** Nithya Raman\*  
**CD10:** Grace Yoo\*

### LA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Given the racial and socio-economic disparities of home-learning, which existed before the pandemic but which have been exacerbated, equity must be prioritized in this moment. We elaborate on our LAUSD position further in the guide.

**BD3:** Marilyn Koziatek\*  
**BD7:** Tanya Ortiz Franklin\*

### STATE ASSEMBLY

**AD50:** Richard Bloom  
**AD54:** Sydney Kamlager-Dove

### LA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**SEAT 1:** Andra Hoffman  
**SEAT 3:** Gerry Anderson  
**SEAT 5:** Nichelle Henderson  
**SEAT 7:** Chris Han

### STATE BALLOT MEASURES

**MEASURE 14:** No\*  
**MEASURE 15:** Yes  
**MEASURE 16:** Yes  
**MEASURE 17:** Yes  
**MEASURE 18:** Yes  
**MEASURE 19:** No  
**MEASURE 20:** No  
**MEASURE 21:** Yes  
**MEASURE 22:** Neutral\*  
**MEASURE 23:** Yes\*  
**MEASURE 24:** No  
**MEASURE 25:** Yes\* - see next page

### COUNTY

**MEASURE J:** Yes  
**MEASURE RR:** Yes

### PRESIDENTIAL

**BIDEN HARRIS ALL THE WAY!**

### ABOUT LAW

The LA Women's Collective is a political action committee that empowers women in Los Angeles to influence political and legislative progress.

[www.lawomenscollective.com](http://www.lawomenscollective.com)

## CA Election is by Mail

### TRACK YOUR BALLOT

[HTTPS://CALIFORNIA.BALLOTTRAX.NET/VOTER/](https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/)

### VOTE CENTER/DROPBOX LOCATOR

[HTTPS://WWW.SOS.CA.GOV/ELECTIONS/POLLING-PLACE/](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/)



## **Further Information Voter Guide 2020**

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### **LA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

When it comes to candidates for LAUSD school board, we feel strongly about backing candidates who orient their priorities around a kids-first agenda and represent families and communities most impacted by the inequities in our education system.

As Democrats, we are conditioned to believe that the right thing to do is unquestionably support school board candidates backed by the teachers union, but unfortunately, that isn't always the right thing to do. The teachers union is unequivocally the most powerful special interest group in the state of California and that power is exerted at every level of government, and it doesn't always serve kids. For us, this is not a choice between public schools and charter schools. We support good public schools for all and we care solely about what is best for children in our education system and that the system work equitably for ALL children, regardless of race, class, gender or zip code.

Unfortunately, the disparities in our schools run as deep as in our broader society, and we all have a responsibility to care and fight as hard for educational equity as we are fighting for racial and social justice elsewhere.

We support teachers, and support a strong union, but we don't support giving universal backing to such a powerful special interest, especially one that represents a system that is badly broken and isn't serving the interest of all kids equally. Especially the kids who need it most.

Our kids are worth more. And as progressive democrats, we cannot accept the broken status quo. We must back candidates who will be independent and unabashed in their advocacy for equity and for a system that serves all students and prepares them for a bright future – one that doesn't hold them back.

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This year, we are backing Tanya Ortiz Franklin for BD7 and Marilyn Koziatek for BD3. Ortiz Franklin is the only equity-focused candidate in her race. She is an educator, advocate and lawyer and she grew up in the community she is looking to represent. Koziatek is a pro-choice Democrat who supports a kid-first agenda and would bring the important perspective of a public school parent to the LAUSD Board.

### **PROPOSITION 25**

## **YES**

This by far is the toughest, most complicated proposition on this ballot, but we feel it's important to make a choice. The perspective we ultimately support is from progressive Black women and activists working close to the system.

Prop 25 is the embodiment of the age old "don't let perfect be the enemy of the good". There is very appropriate concern among many activists that this measure does not go far enough to fix the post-cash bail risk assessment system created by SB10 in 2018. And that system needs improvements. The state legislature should take that up in the next session.

We think the the risk assessment system deserves the chance to be improved before defaulting back to the cash bail system. Cash bail criminalizes poverty.

A key concern by criminal justice reform advocates is that Prop 25 will rely too much on the discretion of judges for whether someone is considered "a risk". Concern around human error and unconscious bias is legitimate and a place that needs continual attention and reform.

That said, supporters ultimately think it's easier to fight to make improvements on SB 10 than to fight with the bail bond industry, judges, law enforcement and other actors all at the same time when trying to remove the racist, transphobic, classist system of cash bail.

Further Reading:

[\*\*Black Women for Wellness Action Project\*\*](#)

[\*\*Human Rights Watch\*\*](#)

[\*\*Cal Matters\*\*](#)

[\*\*LA TIMES\*\*](#)