



## Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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# Official Sample Ballot

General Election  
November 5, 2024

### **VOTE CENTERS OPEN:**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM – 7 PM

Election Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>: 7 AM – 8 PM

***EVERY REGISTERED VOTER WILL  
RECEIVE A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT***

**Make a plan to vote early by  
returning your Vote by Mail ballot**

**LAVOTE.GOV**



# Election Resources

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is the official source for election information and voting resources in Los Angeles County.

## MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION

We have all the resources and tools you need to make your plan to vote.

- Register to Vote
- Check Your Registration Status
- Find a Ballot Drop Box
- Track Your Vote by Mail Ballot
- Use Accessible Vote by Mail
- Find a Vote Center
- View In-Person Voting Information
- Access the Interactive Sample Ballot
- View Multilingual Services
- View Election Results



## Request your ballot in a different language

- Los Angeles County provides language services in up to 18 languages.
- Fill out and return the Language Request Form on the back cover of this book (no postage required).
- Call the Multilingual Services Section at (800) 815-2666, option 3.



## Voting by mail

Every registered voter in Los Angeles County is mailed a Vote by Mail ballot no later than October 7, 2024.



## Track your Vote by Mail ballot

Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.

Visit [California.BallotTrax.net](https://California.BallotTrax.net) to get started.



Follow us on social media! Official Account: @LACountyRRCC

Visit [LAVOTE.GOV](https://LAVOTE.GOV) or call (800) 815-2666 for more information



# Information for Voters

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There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.

The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

## About this General Election

- 1) All voters can participate in this election regardless of party preference
- 2) If a candidate has a preferred political party, that party name will appear on the ballot as a reference
- 3) Any voter can vote for the candidate of their choice

## Offices on the Ballot

### Party-Nominated Offices

President and Vice President of the United States

### Voter-Nominated Offices

United States Senator

United States Representative

State Senator

State Assembly Member

### Local Offices

District Attorney

Superior Court Judge

Local districts or city contests

## Important Notice

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices are not permitted on the General Election ballot.

## Do you need assistance marking your ballot?

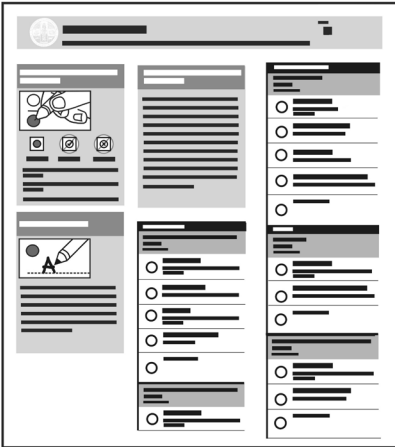
If a voter declares under oath that they are unable to mark a ballot, that voter may receive assistance marking their ballot by two (2) persons of their selection. (E.C. § 14282)



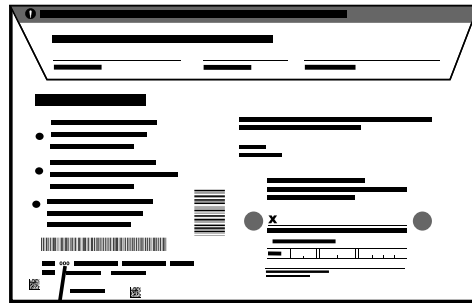
# Check Your Material

Your Vote by Mail package will contain:

## 1. Official Ballot Cards



## 2. Ballot Return Envelope



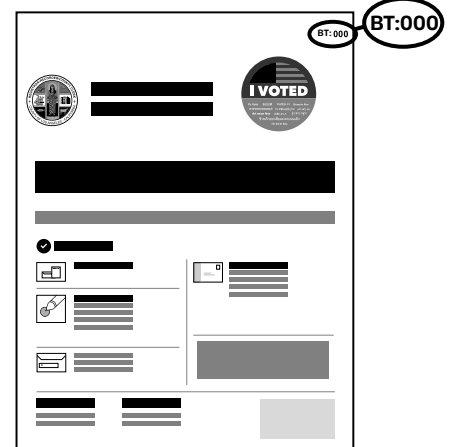
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Ballot group number

Example: 000

Ballot Group

## 3. Vote by Mail Ballot Wrap



Ballot group numbers on materials **must** match.

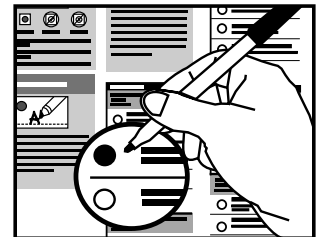
If ballot group numbers do not match, please call **(800) 815-2666, option 2.**



# Marking Your Ballot

## Marking instructions

- Use only **black** or **blue** ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill the entire oval matching your vote choice.
- **Do not** vote for more choices than indicated.
- **Do not** punch a hole through the ballot card.



## Misplaced or damaged your ballot?

- Mark your choice on the Official Sample Ballot page. Insert into Ballot Return Envelope and return.
- Visit **LAVOTE.GOV/ReplaceBallot** or call (800) 815-2666, option 2 before Election Day.
- Visit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk beginning October 7, 2024 to receive a replacement ballot.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

Address: 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650



# Vote by Mail Return Options

## Before you return your Vote by Mail ballot make sure:

- Your ballot is securely placed inside the Return Envelope.
- You sign the back of the Return Envelope.
- Remember no postage is necessary.



## Signature verification

Voters must sign the eligibility oath and date the Vote by Mail Return Envelope before submitting their ballot. Every signature is verified before the ballot is cleared for counting.

If a signature is missing or if the signature does not match the one on file, the County will notify the impacted voter to allow the voter an opportunity to provide a valid signature.

## Recommended options for returning your Vote by Mail ballot



### Return by mail

**Must** be postmarked by Election Day.  
No postage required.



### Return at a Ballot Drop Box Location

A list of drop box locations is included in the Vote by Mail packet and available on **LAVOTE.GOV** prior to each election.



### Drop off at any participating Vote Center

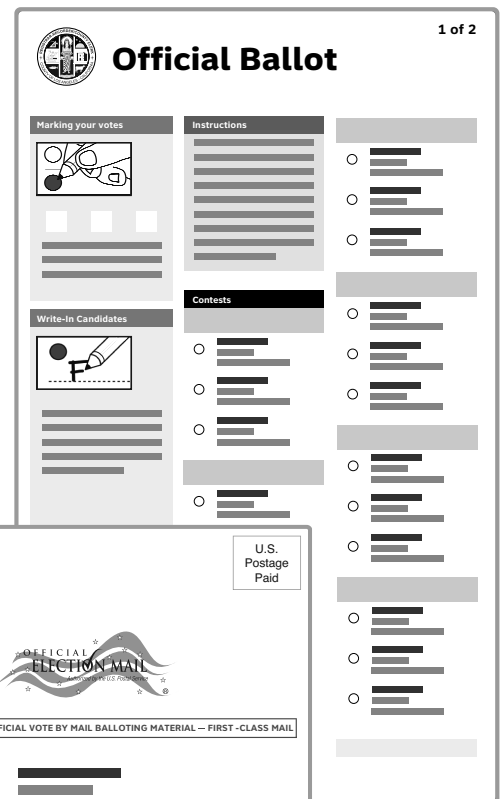
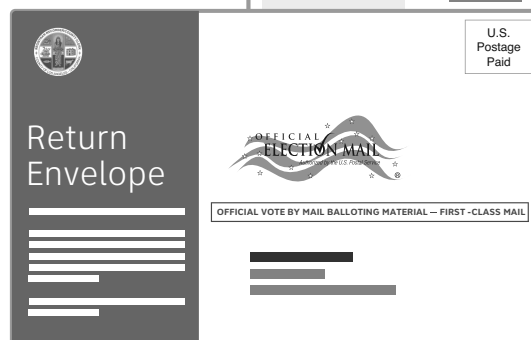
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Scan here to find a Ballot Drop Box



Scan here to find a Vote Center





# Vote Center Information

Cast your ballot in person at any participating Vote Center in Los Angeles County. Vote Centers provide modern features to make voting safe, easy, and convenient.

Vote Centers also serve as Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box locations – no need to wait, simply drop off your voted ballot at the front.

## Vote Center features



Vote at any participating Vote Center in this election with full language services and expanded accessibility



Electronic Pollbooks can look up your voter registration information in real time at any Vote Center



Early in-person voting is available 10 days before Election Day – avoid long lines and vote early



Fully accessible voting equipment available at every Vote Center

## Curbside Voting

Curbside Voting is available at all Vote Centers in Los Angeles County.

Call the phone number listed on the sign at the Vote Center for assistance.

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# Inside the Vote Center



## Ballot Marking Device (BMD)

The BMD is fully accessible and available in all eligible languages. After check-in, insert your paper ballot into any available device to get started.

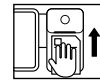
### How to vote on the Ballot Marking Device (BMD)



**1. Tap to start**



**2. Select language**



**3. Insert ballot**

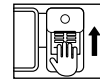


**4. Make selections**

Use the **MORE** button to review all choices when making your selections.



**5. Review selections**



**6. Cast ballot**

Re-insert your ballot back into the BMD.



# Save time at the Vote Center



## Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB)

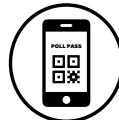
The ISB is an optional tool that allows you to make your ballot selections on your personal device from the comfort of your own home - so you can spend less time at the Vote Center.

### How to use the Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB)



**1. Mark your Sample Ballot**

Enter your last name, day of birth, and house number, then make your selections.



**2. Generate your Poll Pass**

Download or print your Poll Pass (QR code) and bring it with you to the Vote Center.



**3. Cast your vote**

Scan your Poll Pass on the BMD to transfer your selections.

Review your selections and cast your ballot!



Visit [LAVOTE.GOV/ISB](http://LAVOTE.GOV/ISB) to get started.



# Accessible Voting Options

Los Angeles County is committed to providing all voters with a positive, private, and independent voting experience. To view the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's accessibility services, go to **LAVOTE.GOV**.

## Accessible Vote by Mail

Voters who need assistance reviewing and marking their Vote by Mail ballot may use the Accessible Vote by Mail application.

Learn more at **LAVOTE.GOV/RAVBM**



**Scan Here**

### 1. Mark your ballot online

Make your selections using any device.

### 2. Print your ballot

Verify your selections on the printed ballot.

### 3. Return your ballot by mail

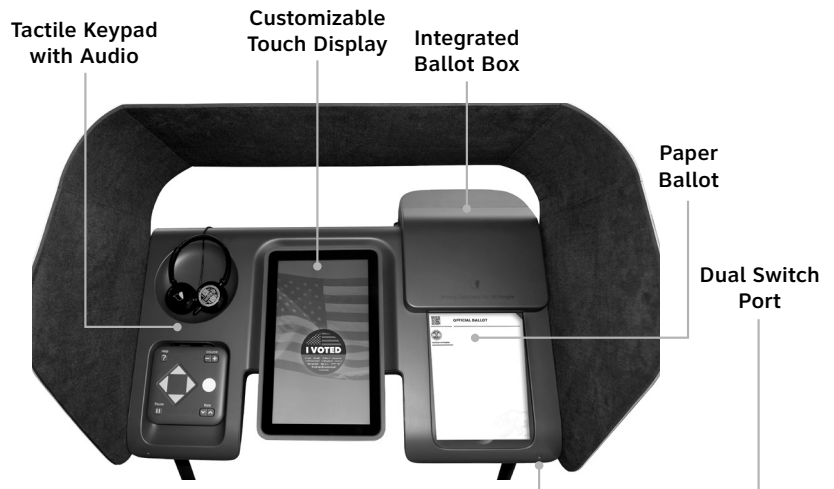
Follow the instructions on the Vote by Mail Return Envelope.

## Ballot Marking Device (BMD)

The BMD makes it easy to customize the voting experience to fit your needs.

- Customizable touch screen display
- Tactile keypad with audio ballot
- A/B or dual switch port
- Integrated ballot box

Tap the settings button on the screen to increase text size, change screen contrast, adjust audio volume, and much more.



## Important Telephone Numbers

**General information:** (800) 815-2666

**Vote Center accessibility:** (800) 815-2666, option 7

**Disability Rights California's Voting Hotline:** (888) 569-7955

**CD/Cassette recordings:** (800) 815-2666, option 3

**TDD:** (562) 462-2259



# Public Health and Safety at the Vote Center

# SAFE ELECTION PLAN

The Los Angeles County “Safe Election Plan” aligns with the latest best practices to prevent illnesses such as COVID-19, flu, and colds. These were developed in consultation with relevant health authorities using the best public health information available.

## Vaccination

Election Workers will be encouraged to stay up to date with their vaccines and boosters.



## Masks

- Optional face masks will be available for voters.
- Optional face masks and N95 masks will be available for Election Workers.
- The RR/CC will follow current mask rules and public health guidelines, such as return-to-work guidelines for individuals who are recovering from a COVID-19 case.



## Hygiene

- Hand sanitizer will be available for voters and workers.
- The importance of hand washing and sanitizing will be emphasized in Election Worker training.



 [LAVOTE.GOV](https://www.lavote.gov)

## Cleaning

- Cleaning of ePollbooks, Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs), and other frequently used surfaces in the Vote Center.



## Ventilation

- Doors and windows will be propped open, when possible, to increase fresh, outdoor air.



## Limit exposure to sick and exposed persons

- Election Workers with COVID-19 cases will be excluded from the Vote Center until they meet public health return-to-work guidelines.
- Election Workers returning to the Vote Center after a COVID-19 case will follow public health guidelines to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.
- Election Workers with close contact exposure will follow current DPH masking and testing requirements.



## Ongoing aspects of the voting process that also support COVID-19 prevention.

- All voters are provided a VBM ballot and have the option to vote from home.
- All voters are encouraged to take measures to speed up their election process, which limits their time in the Vote Center. These include verifying voter registration in advance, using the Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB) to pre-mark selections, and bringing their Sample Ballot to speed up the voter check-in.
- BMDs are spaced out to support privacy and accessibility.
- Vote Center layouts use one-directional traffic flow when possible.
- All voters are encouraged to take advantage of early voting and voting at off-peak times if possible.



 [voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

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# Electioneering Prohibited!

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## **VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

### **WHERE:**

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited.

### **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.



# Corrupting the Voting Process is Prohibited!

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## **VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

### **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *DO NOT commit or attempt to commit election fraud.*
- *DO NOT provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.*
- *DO NOT illegally vote.*
- *DO NOT attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.*
- *DO NOT engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.*
- *DO NOT challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.*
- *DO NOT attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.*
- *DO NOT possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.*
- *DO NOT appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.*
- *DO NOT tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.*
- *DO NOT forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.*
- *DO NOT alter the returns of an election.*
- *DO NOT tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.*
- *DO NOT display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.*
- *DO NOT tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.*
- *DO NOT coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.*
- *DO NOT act as an election officer when you are not one.*

*EMPLOYERS* cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

*PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS* cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.






# Voter Bill of Rights

## YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
  - a U.S. citizen living in California
  - at least 18 years old
  - registered where you currently live
  - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony
  - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
  - Ask an elections official at a Vote Center** for a new ballot,
  - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your Vote Center, or
  - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any Vote Center** in California.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.**

**If you believe you have been denied any of these rights,** call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

  -  On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
  -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
  -  By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)

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# Translated Election Material

## (800) 815-2666 option 3

- Call to receive translated election materials, Vote Center information or assistance with LAVOTE.GOV
- Llame para recibir materiales electorales traducidos, información del centro de votación o asistencia con LAVOTE.GOV.
- 請致電索取已翻譯的選舉資料、投票中心資訊或與LAVOTE.GOV相關的協助。
- 번역된 선거 자료, 투표 센터 정보 또는 LAVOTE.GOV의 도움을 받으려면 전화하십시오.
- Hãy gọi điện thoại để nhận các tài liệu bầu cử đã được phiên dịch, thông tin của địa điểm bỏ phiếu hoặc sự trợ giúp với LAVOTE.GOV.
- Tumawag para makatanggap ng isinaling mga materyales sa halalan, impormasyon sa sentro ng pagboto o tulong sa LAVOTE.GOV.
- 翻訳された選挙資料、投票所情報、またはLAVOTE.GOVに関する補助を受けるにはお電話ください。
- โทรติดต่อเพื่อขอรับเอกสารการเลือกตั้งฉบับแปล ข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับศูนย์การเลือกตั้ง หรือขอความช่วยเหลือการใช้เว็บไซต์ [www.LAVOTE.GOV](http://www.LAVOTE.GOV)
- Позвоните, чтобы получить переведенные материалы о выборах, информацию о центре голосования или помощь на LAVOTE.GOV.
- សូមទូរស័ព្ទដើម្បីទទួលសៀវភៅនៃការបោះឆ្នោតដែលបានបកប្រែហើយ រួមជាមួយព័ត៌មានទីកន្លែងបោះឆ្នោត ឬជំនួយជាមួយ LAVOTE.GOV។
- अनुवादित चुनाव सामग्री, मतदान केंद्र की जानकारी या LAVOTE.GOV के बारे में सहायता के लिए कॉल करें।
- برای دریافت مطالب ترجمه شده انتخاباتی، اطلاعات درباره مرکز رای یا راهنمایی در مورد LAVOTE.GOV تماس بگیرید.
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- Silakan telpon untuk mendapatkan terjemahan bahan-bahan pemilu, informasi Tempat Pemungutan Suara, atau bantuan dengan LAVOTE.GOV
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- అనువదించబడిన ఎన్నికల సామాగ్రిని అందుకోవడానికి, ఓట్ సెంటర్ సమాచారం కొరకు లేదా LAVOTE.GOVలో సహాయం కొరకు కాల్ చేయండి

The Federal Voting Rights Act requires voter information, including a Sample Ballot booklet to be available in English as well as Chinese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese. Additional Languages we support are: Armenian, Bengali, Burmese, Gujarati, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Mongolian, Russian, Telugu and Thai.



# Sample Ballot

General Election  
November 5, 2024

## Instructions to voters: Marking your ballot



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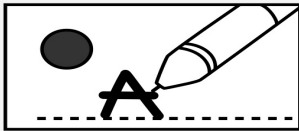
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- Use only black or blue ink pen to mark your choice on your ballot.
- Fill in the circle to the left of your choice.
- Don't vote for more choices than indicated.
- You don't have to vote in every race.
- For information on a replacement ballot, visit [lavote.gov](http://lavote.gov).

## Write-In Candidates



- A voter is entitled to cast a vote for a qualified write-in candidate for any party-nominated or nonpartisan office by writing, on the write-in portion of the ballot, the name of the qualified candidate.
- To add a candidate, fill in the circle to the left of "Write-in Candidate" and write the name on the dotted line.
- A list of qualified write-in candidates is available eleven days before the election at [lavote.gov](http://lavote.gov).
- Do not write-in a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot.
- Pursuant to Elections Code 8606, write-in votes are not authorized for voter-nominated offices at the general election.

### Party-Nominated Offices

Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name.

### Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices

Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval.

## CITY/LOCAL

### MONTEREY PARK CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION Member of the City Council, 2nd District

Vote For **ONE**

- ELIZABETH YANG**  
Local Businesswoman/Author
- DAWN MIDORI ROCK**  
Mother/Educator
- Write-In Candidate

### LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Member of the Board of Trustees, Seat 1

Vote For **ONE**

- BALTAZAR FEDALIZO**  
Private Equity Investor
- ANDRA HOFFMAN**  
Member of the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District
- PETER V. MANGHERA**  
Teacher
- CHEYENNE SIMS**
- Write-In Candidate

### LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Member of the Board of Trustees, Seat 3

Vote For **ONE**

- NANCY PEARLMAN**  
Environmentalist/Anthropologist
- DAVID VELA**  
Member of the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District
- LOUIS ANTHONY SHAPIRO**  
Retired Educator
- Write-In Candidate

### LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Member of the Board of Trustees, Seat 5

Vote For **ONE**

- NICHELLE M. HENDERSON**  
Member of the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District
- ELAINE ALANIZ**  
Medical Healthcare Recruiter
- JASON R. AULA**  
Businessowner/Journalist/Lawyer
- Write-In Candidate

### LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Member of the Board of Trustees, Seat 7

Vote For **ONE**

- KELSEY IINO**  
Member of the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District
- ROBERT PAYNE**  
Writer/Researcher/Videographer
- Write-In Candidate

### STATE SENATOR, 25th District

Vote For **ONE**

- SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ**  
Party Preference: Democratic  
Mayor of Alhambra
- ELIZABETH WONG AHLERS**  
Party Preference: Republican  
Crescenta Valley Councilmember

### MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 49th District

Vote For **ONE**

- MIKE FONG**  
Party Preference: Democratic  
California State Assemblymember
- LONG "DAVID" LIU**  
Party Preference: Republican  
Children's Rights Advocate

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**CITY/LOCAL**

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,  
28th District**

Vote For **ONE**

**JUDY CHU**  
Party Preference: Democratic  
United States Representative

**APRIL A. VERLATO**  
Party Preference: Republican  
Mayor/Business Owner

**BE MONTEREY PARK CITY GENERAL  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION -  
MEASURE BE**

Vote **YES** or **NO**

Shall an ordinance, without increasing taxes on residents, updating/simplifying City of Monterey Park's 35-year-old business license tax rates, ensuring fairness to all businesses and helping fund general city services, including keeping public/business areas safe/clean; preventing crime/thefts; strengthening the local economy; by revising the tax rate to 0.00075 per \$1,000 of gross receipts (\$75 yearly minimum tax), generating approximately \$1,200,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted?  
**Supporters:** None submitted. **Opponents:** None submitted.

**YES on Measure BE**

**NO on Measure BE**

**LG MONTEREY PARK CITY GENERAL  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION -  
MEASURE LG**

Vote **YES** or **NO**

Shall the ordinance providing funding for City of Monterey Park's general services such as maintaining 911 emergency response and fire protection; increasing neighborhood police patrols; maintaining parks; supporting youth, afterschool, and senior programs; repairing streets and potholes; by increasing the City of Monterey Park's transient occupancy tax, paid only by hotel/motel and short-term rental guests, from 12% to 13%, providing approximately \$500,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted? **Supporters:** None submitted. **Opponents:** None submitted.

**YES on Measure LG**

**NO on Measure LG**

**COUNTY**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Vote For **ONE**

**GEORGE GASCÓN**  
District Attorney

**NATHAN HOCHMAN**  
Criminal Law Attorney

Write-In Candidate

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Office No. 39**

Vote For **ONE**

**STEVE NAPOLITANO**  
Attorney/Councilmember, Manhattan Beach

**GEORGE A. TURNER JR.**  
Deputy Public Defender, County of Los Angeles

Write-In Candidate

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Office No. 48**

Vote For **ONE**

**ERICKA J. WILEY**  
Deputy Public Defender, County of Los Angeles

**RENEE ROSE**  
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

Write-In Candidate

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Office No. 97**

Vote For **ONE**

**SHARON RANSOM**  
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

**LA SHAE HENDERSON**  
Deputy Public Defender

Write-In Candidate

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Office No. 135**

Vote For **ONE**

**STEVEN YEE MAC**  
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

**GEORGIA HUERTA**  
Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles

Write-In Candidate

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Office No. 137**

Vote For **ONE**

**TRACEY M. BLOUNT**  
Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

**LUZ E. HERRERA**  
Attorney/Law Professor

Write-In Candidate

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## COUNTY

### G COUNTY MEASURE G Vote YES or NO

**PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT.** LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY CHARTER AMENDMENT. Shall the measure amending the Los Angeles County Charter to create an elected County Executive; create an independent Ethics Commission to increase restrictions on lobbying and investigate misconduct; establish a nonpartisan Legislative Analyst to review proposed County policies; increase the Board of Supervisors from five to nine elected members; require County departments to present annual budgets in public meetings; using existing funding sources with no additional taxes to implement, as detailed in the charter amendment ordinance, be adopted? **Supporters:** None submitted. **Opponents:** LA County Firefighters & Sheriffs; Community Coalition; LA County Supervisors Kathryn Barger & Holly J. Mitchell

YES on Measure G

NO on Measure G

### A COUNTY MEASURE A Vote YES or NO

**HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE.** To require accountability and results, create affordable housing, support home ownership, provide rental assistance, increase mental health and addiction treatment, reduce and prevent homelessness; and provide services for children, families, veterans, domestic violence survivors, seniors, and disabled people experiencing homelessness; shall the measure repealing the Measure H tax and replacing it with a 1/2 cent sales tax, raising approximately \$1,076,076,350 annually until voters decide to end it, with new audits and oversight, be adopted? **Supporters:** Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter; Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles; LA Family Housing. **Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; Mike Antonovich, L.A. County Supervisor (ret.); Jack Humphreville

YES on Measure A

NO on Measure A

## STATE

### 2 STATE MEASURE 2 Vote YES or NO

**AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.** Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond. **Supporters:** California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California **Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

YES on Measure 2

NO on Measure 2

### 3 STATE MEASURE 3 Vote YES or NO

**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRIAGE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. **Fiscal Impact:** No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments. **Supporters:** Sierra Pacific Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality California **Opponents:** Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Rev. Tanner DiBella

YES on Measure 3

NO on Measure 3

### 4 STATE MEASURE 4 Vote YES or NO

**AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.** Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs of about \$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond. **Supporters:** Clean Water Action; CALFIRE Firefighters; National Wildlife Federation; The Nature Conservancy **Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

YES on Measure 4

NO on Measure 4

### 5 STATE MEASURE 5 Vote YES or NO

**ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. Accountability requirements. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes. **Supporters:** California Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of California; Habitat for Humanity California **Opponents:** California Taxpayers Association; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance

YES on Measure 5

NO on Measure 5

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## STATE

### 6 STATE MEASURE 6

Vote YES or NO

**ELIMINATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ALLOWING INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (i.e., forcing incarcerated persons to work).

**Fiscal Impact:** Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:**

Assemblymember Lori Wilson **Opponents:** None submitted.

YES on Measure 6

NO on Measure 6

### 32 STATE MEASURE 32

Vote YES or NO

**RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026. **Fiscal Impact:** State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually.

**Supporters:** None submitted. **Opponents:** California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Grocers Association

YES on Measure 32

NO on Measure 32

### 33 STATE MEASURE 33

Vote YES or NO

**EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

**INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. **Fiscal Impact:**

Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. **Supporters:** CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; TenantsTogether **Opponents:** California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce

YES on Measure 33

NO on Measure 33

### 34 STATE MEASURE 34

Vote YES or NO

**RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

**INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. **Fiscal Impact:**

Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs. **Supporters:** The ALS Association; California Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage Los Angeles **Opponents:** National Org. for Women; Consumer Watchdog; Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta

YES on Measure 34

NO on Measure 34

### 35 STATE MEASURE 35

Vote YES or NO

**PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

**INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services. **Fiscal Impact:**

Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increase between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects. **Supporters:**

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics, CA **Opponents:** None submitted.

YES on Measure 35

NO on Measure 35

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## STATE

### 36 STATE MEASURE 36 Vote YES or NO

**ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions. **Fiscal Impact:** State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:** Crime Victims United of California; California District Attorneys Association; Family Business Association of California **Opponents:** Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice

- YES on Measure 36
- NO on Measure 36

## NATIONAL ELECTION

### PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT Vote For ONE Party

- DONALD J. TRUMP**  
for President  
**JD VANCE**  
for Vice President  
Republican
- CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ**  
for President  
**KARINA GARCIA**  
for Vice President  
Peace and Freedom
- KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
for President  
**TIM WALZ**  
for Vice President  
Democratic
- ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**  
for President  
**NICOLE SHANAHAN**  
for Vice President  
American Independent
- CHASE OLIVER**  
for President  
**MIKE TER MAAT**  
for Vice President  
Libertarian
- JILL STEIN**  
for President  
**RUDOLPH WARE**  
for Vice President  
Green
- Write-In Candidate

There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot.

- One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031
- One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025

You may vote for both contests.

## UNITED STATES SENATOR - Short Term (Unexpired term ending January 3, 2025)

Vote For ONE

- STEVE GARVEY**  
Party Preference: Republican  
Professional Baseball Representative
- ADAM B. SCHIFF**  
Party Preference: Democratic  
United States Representative

**End of Ballot**

## UNITED STATES SENATOR - Full Term

Vote For ONE

- STEVE GARVEY**  
Party Preference: Republican  
Professional Baseball Representative
- ADAM B. SCHIFF**  
Party Preference: Democratic  
United States Representative



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# Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices

## UNITED STATES SENATOR - FULL TERM

### Democratic

Adam B. Schiff

The American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Republican and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit any endorsements for this office.

## UNITED STATES SENATOR - SHORT TERM

### Democratic

Adam B. Schiff

The American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Republican and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit any endorsements for this office.

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

### Democratic

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
23	Derek Marshall
26	Julia Brownley
27	George Whitesides
28	Judy Chu
29	Luz Maria Rivas
30	Laura Friedman
31	Gil Cisneros
32	Brad Sherman
34	Jimmy Gomez
35	Norma J. Torres
36	Ted W. Lieu
37	Sydney Kamlager-Dove
38	Linda T. Sánchez
42	Robert Garcia
43	Maxine Waters
44	Nanette Diaz Barragán
45	Derek Tran

### Republican

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
23	Jay Obernolte
26	Michael Koslow
27	Mike Garcia
28	April A. Verlato
29	Benito Benny Bernal
30	Alex Balekian
31	Daniel Jose Bocic Martinez
32	Larry Thompson
35	Mike Cargile
36	Melissa Toomim

## Republican (CONT)

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
38	Eric J. Ching
42	John Briscoe
43	Steve Williams
44	Roger Groh
45	Michelle Steel

## American Independent

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
23	Jay Obernolte
26	Michael Koslow
27	Mike Garcia
28	April A. Verlato
29	Benito Benny Bernal
30	Alex Balekian
31	Gil Cisneros
32	Larry Thompson
34	David Kim
35	Mike Cargile
36	Melissa Toomim
37	Juan Rey
38	Eric J. Ching
43	Steve Williams
44	Roger Groh

The Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit any endorsements for these offices.



# Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices

## STATE SENATOR

### Democratic

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
23	Kipp Mueller
25	Sasha Renée Pérez
27	Henry Stern
33	Lena A. Gonzalez
35	Michelle Chambers

### Republican

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
23	Suzette Martinez Valladares
25	Elizabeth Wong Ahlers
27	Lucie Volotzky

### American Independent

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
25	Elizabeth Wong Ahlers
27	Lucie Volotzky
33	Mario Paz

The Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit any endorsements for these offices.

## MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

### Democratic

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
34	Ricardo Ortega
39	Juan Carrillo Ventura
40	Pilar Schiavo
41	John Harabedian
42	Jacqui Irwin
43	Celeste Rodriguez
44	Nick Schultz
46	Jesse Gabriel
48	Blanca Rubio
49	Mike Fong
51	Rick Chavez Zbur
52	Jessica Caloza
53	Michelle Rodriguez
54	Mark Gonzalez
55	Isaac G. Bryan
56	Lisa Calderon
61	Tina Simone McKinnor
62	Jose Luis Solache
64	Blanca Pacheco
65	Mike Gipson
66	Al Muratsuchi
67	Sharon Quirk-Silva
69	Josh Lowenthal

## Republican

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
34	Tom Lackey
39	Paul Andre Marsh
40	Patrick Lee Gipson
41	Michelle Del Rosario Martinez
42	Ted Nordblum
43	Victoria Garcia
44	Tony Rodriguez
46	Tracey Schroeder
48	Dan T. Tran
49	Long "David" Liu
51	Stephan Hohil
53	Nick Wilson
55	Keith G. Cascio
56	Jessica Martinez
61	Alfonso Hernandez
62	Paul Jones
64	Raul Ortiz Jr.
65	Lydia A Gutierrez
66	George Barks
67	Elizabeth "Beth" Culver
69	Joshua Rodriguez

## American Independent

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
39	Paul Andre Marsh
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46	Tracey Schroeder
48	Dan T. Tran
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The Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties did not submit any endorsements for these offices.



# Campaign Finance

## List of legislative candidates who agreed to voluntary spending limits.

Only candidates who voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures may submit a statement for inclusion in this booklet.

### STATE SENATOR

#### Party Preference: Democratic

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
25	Sasha Renée Pérez
33	Lena A. Gonzalez
35	Michelle Chambers
35	Laura Richardson

#### Party Preference: Republican

<u>District</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>
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27	Lucie Volotzky

### MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

#### Party Preference: Democratic

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# Candidate Statements & Measures

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The following pages may contain Candidate Statements, and/or Ballot Measure Analyses, Arguments or Rebuttals.

Candidates for local offices have the option of including a statement, for which they pay a fee, unless the governing body pays the fee.

In compliance with the law, only English and Spanish language Candidate Statements are included in this booklet. Each candidate that submitted a Spanish language Candidate Statement has paid an additional fee.

Candidate Statements, Arguments or Rebuttals In Favor, or/and Against Ballot Measures are not edited or verified for accuracy by any elections officials.

Arguments and/or Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors.

Information about voter-nominated offices and state measures is included in the 8.5" X 11" Official Voter Information Guide, which is mailed separately to registered voters by the Office of the Secretary of State.

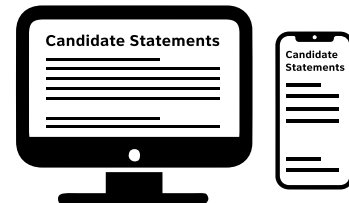


## Candidate Statements Go Digital

Candidate statements are now available at your fingertips!

In addition to a printed statement in the Sample Ballot Book, candidates running for County and Local offices now have the option to submit statements online.

Stay informed, and view candidate statements online at **LAVOTE.GOV**





# Candidate Statements & Measures

## STATEMENT OF DAWN MIDORI ROCK CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 2nd District MONTEREY PARK CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Age: 57

Occupation: Mother/Educator

It is an honor to run for City Council District 2. Advocating on your behalf, the residents of Monterey Park, will be the **heart** of my work as your Councilmember.

Born and raised in Monterey Park, my parents purchased their home in the 1960s. I attended Hillcrest Elementary, Garvey Intermediate, and Mark Keppel High School.

To carry on tradition, my four children have attended Brightwood Elementary and MKHS. Go Aztecs! My connection to this community runs deep, from my mother serving as the secretary to Monterey Park Chief of Police, Jon Elder, to my days as a swimmer for the Manta Rays Swim Team and as a junior lifeguard at Barnes Park Pool.

My commitment is to enhancing public safety, improving senior services, revitalizing downtown Monterey Park, and saving the **heart** of our community, Barnes Park Pool.

With three credentials and a doctorate in social work from USC, I've dedicated 31 years to education as a teacher, counselor, and principal. My journey in education taught me the invaluable lesson of listening to the needs of those I serve. Leadership with integrity is what I'll bring to City Council.

Together, we can build a city that belongs to its residents. I humbly, ask for your vote. With gratitude and love, I thank you!

## DECLARACIÓN DE DAWN MIDORI ROCK CANDIDATA PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL, 2° Distrito ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE MONTEREY PARK

Edad: 57

Ocupación: Madre/Educadora

Es un honor postularme para el Concejo Municipal del Distrito 2. Defenderlos a ustedes, los residentes de Monterey Park, será el **corazón** de mi trabajo como Miembro del Concejo.

Nacida y criada en Monterey Park, mis padres compraron su casa en la década de 1960. Asistí a la Escuela Primaria Hillcrest, a la Media Garvey y a la Escuela Secundaria Mark Keppel.

Para continuar con la tradición, mis cuatro hijos han asistido a la Escuela Primaria Brightwood y a la MKHS (Escuela Secundaria Mark Keppel). ¡Vamos Aztecas! Mi conexión con esta comunidad es profunda, desde mi madre sirviendo como secretaria del Jefe de Policía de Monterey Park, Jon Elder, hasta mis días como nadadora del Equipo de Natación Manta Rayas y como socorrista junior en la Piscina del Parque Barnes.

Mi compromiso es mejorar la seguridad pública, mejorar los servicios para personas mayores, renovar el centro de la ciudad de Monterey Park y salvar el **corazón** de nuestra comunidad, la Piscina del Parque Barnes.

Con tres credenciales y un doctorado en trabajo social de la USC (Universidad del Sur de California), he dedicado 31 años a la educación como maestra, consejera y directora. Mi trayectoria en la educación me enseñó la invaluable lección de escuchar las necesidades de aquellos a quienes sirvo. Liderazgo con integridad es lo que aportaré al Concejo Municipal.

Juntos podemos construir una ciudad que pertenezca a sus residentes. Humildemente, le pido su voto. ¡Con gratitud y amor, le doy las gracias!



# Candidate Statements & Measures

## **STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH YANG CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL 2nd District MONTEREY PARK CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Age: 41

Occupation: Local Businesswoman/Author

Elizabeth Yang (41) was born and raised in California and has been a resident of Monterey Park since 2010. She resides in District 2 with her husband Philip (50) and her two teenage children, Liliana (15) & Alexander (13).

Elizabeth has served on multiple commissions in the City of Monterey Park, including serving as Parks & Recreation Chair/Commissioner (2013-2014), Community Participation Commissioner (2014-2016), Design Review Board Chair/Commissioner (2016-2021), and the current BIDAC Chair/Commissioner (2021-2024).

At the age of 19, Elizabeth earned her Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley in 2.5 years. She worked as an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon on the B2 Bomber radar system and at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab. While working at Raytheon, she attended evening law school, earned her JD/MBA by the age of 24 and transitioned from engineering to the legal industry.

She currently owns and operates "Yang Law Offices" in Monterey Park located at 199 West Garvey Ave and specializes in intellectual property law, family law, business law, and estate planning.

Elizabeth loves serving and giving back to the community; in addition to serving on 4 non-profit boards, she is also a best-selling author.

## **DECLARACIÓN DE ELIZABETH YANG CANDIDATA PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL 2° Distrito ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE MONTEREY PARK**

Edad: 41

Ocupación: Mujer de Negocios Local/Autora

Elizabeth Yang (41) nació y creció en California y ha sido residente de Monterey Park desde 2010. Reside en el Distrito 2 con su esposo Philip (50) y sus dos hijos adolescentes, Liliana (15) y Alexander (13).

Elizabeth ha servido en múltiples comisiones en la Ciudad de Monterey Park, incluyendo el cargo de Presidenta/Comisionada de Parques y Recreación (2013-2014), Comisionada de Participación Comunitaria (2014-2016), Presidenta/Comisionada de la Junta de Revisión de Diseño (2016-2021) y la actual Presidenta/Comisionada del BIDAC (Comité Asesor del Distrito de Mejora Comercial) (2021-2024).

A los 19 años, Elizabeth obtuvo su Licenciatura en Ingeniería Eléctrica y Ciencia de la Computación de la UC (Universidad de California), Berkeley en 2.5 años. Trabajó como Ingeniera Eléctrica en Raytheon en el sistema de radar del Bombardero B2 y en el Laboratorio de Propulsión a Reacción de la NASA (Administración Nacional de Aeronáutica y el Espacio). Mientras trabajaba en Raytheon, asistió a la escuela de derecho por las tardes, obtuvo su JD (Doctorado en Jurisprudencia)/MBA (Maestría en Administración de Empresas) a los 24 años y pasó de la ingeniería al sector jurídico.

Actualmente es propietaria y opera "Yang Law Offices" en Monterey Park ubicada en 199 West Garvey Ave y se especializa en derecho de propiedad intelectual, derecho de familia, derecho comercial y planificación patrimonial.

Elizabeth ama servir y retribuir a la comunidad; además de servir en 4 juntas directivas de organizaciones sin fines de lucro, también es una autora más vendida.



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## STATEMENT OF DAVID VELA CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Seat 3

### LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Occupation: Los Angeles Community College Trustee

"Voter,

My name is David Vela and I am the current Elected Member of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District, Seat 3 and I respectfully ask for your vote. I am running to continue my innovative work which includes expanding on the College Promise program which gives free tuition to full time students and continue to make community college accessible and safe for every student no matter their background.

As a Trustee, I have spearheaded and successfully implemented key policies including:

- Free Tuition and Affordable Tuition Programs
- Job Training and Placement
- Basic Needs Including Student and Workforce Housing
- Implemented Equity Plans for Women and Students from Underserved Communities including African American and LGBTQ+ students
- Expanded Guaranteed Admission Programs with Neighboring Universities.

My mission is to:

provide students with the tools they need for today's job market, from technical training to advancing their educational goals quicker with minimal cost.

As a current Trustee, former community college educator, County Supervisor's Deputy and School Board Member I have delivered tangible results which have improved the lives of thousands of students. I believe to make our country better, we must challenge and support our future leaders in the classroom. That is why I am running for re-election and I would be honored to have your vote."

-Trustee David Vela

"As a Trustee on the Board, David Vela has excelled in leadership, coalition building, and provided much needed resources such as basic needs centers at each of our colleges." -Dr. Marcel Morales, Chair, Social Sciences Dept. ELAC

About Trustee David Vela:

Trustee David Vela is endorsed by the American Federation of Teachers and Building Trades.

Trustee David Vela has led the charge so that the District meets its annual bond dollars expenditures resulting in state of the art facilities for students and increasing the participation of minority, woman and LGBTQ+ certified businesses. As Chair of the Public Affairs and Legislative Committee, Mr. Vela advocated in Sacramento and D.C. to keep the District's funding intact and prevent lay-offs and the removal of courses.

Trustee David Vela served as Senior Legislative Assistant and Chief of Staff in the State Legislature. After his time in Sacramento, David spent ten years as a Senior Deputy to a Los Angeles County Supervisor and now proudly serves on the Los Angeles Community College Board.

Trustee David Vela was raised by his single mother and is a proud native of Los Angeles. Vela received his Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy with concentrations in Economics and International Relations from Pepperdine's School of Public Policy. David Vela lives in Montebello, CA.



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## STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH WONG AHLERS

### PARTY PREFERENCE: REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR, 25th DISTRICT

In these days when record numbers of Californians are moving out of state, and we suffer a \$47 billion deficit, informed voters support me, Elizabeth Wong Ahlers, to represent them for State Senate District 25.

Councilwoman in Crescenta Valley, Mother of Six, married 34 years, graduate of UCLA, Doctor of Applied Theology—I have lived a life of service. I bring 34 years of experience with a deep commitment to uphold personal liberties, promote loving communities, empower parents and families, stand with law enforcement, and champion educational excellence for all our children.

As fifth-generation Californian, our family, like many others, is deeply rooted in our diverse Foothill and San Gabriel Valley community. Raising children and grandchildren here, I understand the problems of high cost of living, public safety, jobs, and schools.

In addition to public service on Crescenta Valley Town Council with a focus on Community Emergency Response and Land Development, professionally, I have invested in the future of our students as professor of English at UCLA, LA Valley College, Glendale Community College, and internationally.

Beyond professional roles, I have volunteered on international boards supporting humanitarian causes in South America, India, Asia; and locally for schools, Scouts, and community support groups.

In these insecure times, I offer you thoughts of peace, and not of evil; to give you a future and a hope. As your future California State Senator, Elizabeth Wong Ahlers will represent you for a brighter and prosperous California. This is Our Time.

## STATEMENT OF MIKE FONG

### PARTY PREFERENCE: DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 49th DISTRICT

**Mike Fong** is a community leader and former Community College Trustee who has represented portions of the San Gabriel Valley in the State Assembly since 2022.

As our State Assemblymember, Mike has secured new funding for projects in our district and authored important legislation to help local schools and small businesses. He's also fighting to:

- Create good-paying jobs** by encouraging innovation.
- Reduce the cost of living** for families struggling with gas, groceries and rent.
- Ensure fast 911 response times** and crack down on organized retail theft.
- Secure **more spots at UC & CSU schools** for local students.
- Fight Fentanyl trafficking** and treat addiction.

Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Mike worked to increase student access to higher education and expand workforce training at nine local community colleges, including East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park. Mike also served as an Alhambra City Commissioner and on the board of Goodwill Southern California.

Mike's campaign is strongly supported by groups representing local firefighters, teachers, nurses, and grocery store workers because he's an effective and responsive leader.

"I ran for State Assembly because I want to help our communities by solving problems, both big and small. From constituents who need help with state services, to challenges like homelessness, affordability, and community safety. As your State Assemblymember, I am working every day to deliver results for the San Gabriel Valley. I'd be honored to once again earn your vote." -**Mike Fong**

Questions? Call Mike at (626) 325-8998 or visit [www.mikefong.org](http://www.mikefong.org)



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## FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE BE

**AN ORDINANCE, WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES ON RESIDENTS, UPDATING/SIMPLIFYING CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S 35-YEAR-OLD BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES, ENSURING FAIRNESS TO ALL BUSINESSES AND HELPING FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES, INCLUDING KEEPING PUBLIC/BUSINESS AREAS SAFE/CLEAN; PREVENTING CRIME/THEFTS; STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY; BY REVISING THE TAX RATE TO 0.00075 PER \$1,000 OF GROSS RECEIPTS (\$75 YEARLY MINIMUM TAX), GENERATING APPROXIMATELY \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS, REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED**

The People of the City of Monterey Park do hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 5.12.200 is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 5.12.200. Fees levied—Businesses, trades and professions.**

A. All persons engaged in or carrying on any profession, trade, calling, occupation or business in or into the city as classified in Section 5.12.110, 5.12.120, 5.12.130, 5.12.140, 5.12.150, 5.12.160 and 5.12.190, unless specifically provided otherwise in this chapter, must procure a business license and pay an annual fee as follows:

Categories	Base Rate for Gross Receipts of \$500,000 or less	Additional Rate Per \$1,000, or portion thereof, of Gross Receipts in excess of \$500,000
Professional	\$75.00	0.00075
Retailers		
Wholesalers		
Manufacturers		
Service		
Contractors		
Businesses not otherwise classified		

B. The term "gross receipts," as used in this section has the same meaning as set forth in Section 5.12.045 of this Title."

**SECTION 2.** MPMC § 5.12.210 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**"§ 5.12.210. Contractors.**

A. Any contractor applying for a business license must certify to the license collector the appropriate subclassification in which such contractor is to be classified.

B. Every general contractor must require all subcontractors for the performance of any work on each project in the city under its control or direction, whether the subcontract is written or oral, to have a business license as herein provided for the year or years in which such subcontractor's work is to be done at the

time such subcontract is made and before permitting such subcontractor to begin to perform services on any project of said general contractor. Failure of such general contractor to comply with the foregoing provisions of this subsection renders such general contractor liable to the city for an additional license fee equal to the amount of such subcontractor's unpaid license fee, plus any penalties for delinquency accruing thereon.

C. Each general contractor must furnish the building division with a list of all subcontractors who are to do work on any project of such general contractor in the city upon forms furnished by the city."

**SECTION 3:** Environmental Analysis. This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 2100, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it establishes rules and procedures to implement government funding mechanisms; does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, this Resolution does not constitute a "project" that requires environmental review (see specifically 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5)).

**SECTION 4:** Interpretation. This Ordinance must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The voters declare that this Ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application.

**SECTION 5:** Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected thereby. We the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to allow imposition of the tax.

**SECTION 6:** Construction. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.



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**SECTION 7:** Validity of Previous Code Sections. If this entire Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, any repeal of the MPMC or other regulation by this Ordinance will be rendered void and cause such MPMC provision or other regulation to remain in full force and effect for all purposes

**SECTION 8:** Voter Approval. This Ordinance will enact and impose a general tax. Accordingly, it will be submitted to a general election on November 5, 2024, for voter approval. If **A MAJORITY** of voters vote in favor of this Ordinance, it will become valid and binding on the date that the City Council certifies the election results. Should the provisions of Government Code §§ 53720, et seq. or California Constitution Article XIII C be repealed or amended or interpreted by the courts so that voter approval is not required for enacting this Ordinance, then this Ordinance will take effect as provided for all other City ordinances and may be amended in the same manner as all other City ordinances.

**SECTION 9:** City Council Authority. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9217, the People authorize and direct the City Council to promptly take appropriate actions needed to implement this Ordinance including, without limitation, adopting all regulations needed to effectuate this Ordinance by ordinance.

**SECTION 10:** Reconciliation with Competing Ordinance. In the event another ballot measure (a “Competing Ordinance”) appears on the same ballot as this Ordinance that seeks to adopt, impose, or amend any limitations or restrictions, or other regulations or requirements, including, without limitation, those with respect to the actions authorized by this Ordinance, that differ in any respect to or supplement, those contained in this Ordinance, the People declare their intention that, if both the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance be fully adopted except to the extent that specific provisions contained in each measure are deemed to be in direct conflict with each other on a “provision by provision” basis pursuant to *Yoshisato v. Superior Court* (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 978. With respect to any such directly conflicting provisions, the specific provisions of the Ordinance receiving the greater number of votes will prevail.

**SECTION 11:** Miscellaneous.

A. If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, we the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to permit the planning and development of the Project.

B. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the People that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12:** The Mayor will sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk will attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance if a majority of the voters voting in the City's general election on November 5, 2024, approve it.

**SECTION 13:** Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 7265, this Ordinance will become operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.



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## CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE BE

### BUSINESS LICENSE TAX

Measure BE would adopt an ordinance amending the Monterey Park Business License Tax ("BLT"). If approved, Measure BE would change the BLT by (1) charging businesses earning \$500,000 or less an annual tax of \$75; and (2) imposing an annual tax of \$75 plus \$0.75 per \$1,000 of gross receipts on businesses with earnings exceeding \$500,000.

The BLT is a tax levied on all persons engaged in or carrying on any profession, trade, calling, occupation, or business in the City of Monterey Park (there are exemptions for certain businesses such as nonprofits). It is distinct from other kinds of taxes such as property, sales, use, or income taxes. Monterey Park's BLT is not a new tax: it was originally adopted in 1957. It has not, however, been amended since 1995.

Measure BE proposes to change how taxes are calculated for certain categories of businesses (professional, retail, wholesale, manufacturer, service, contractors, and unclassified businesses). Additionally, Measure BE would distinguish between a "small" business and a "large" business.

Currently, the BLT does not make this distinction: a small business must pay the same BLT as a larger one. Except for contractors, the amount of the BLT is generally dependent upon the number of persons employed by a business. The more employees, the greater the BLT amount. For contractors, the amount of BLT is dependent upon gross receipts.

Measure BE would change the BLT so that small businesses (those earning \$500,000 or less in gross receipts) would pay an annual BLT of \$75. Large businesses would pay the \$75 annual BLT plus \$0.75 per \$1,000 of gross receipts over \$500,000 (the Measure refers to this calculation as "0.00075 per \$1,000 of gross receipts"). Thus, for example, a business earning \$1,000,000 in gross receipts would pay an annual BLT of \$450. Public records show that adopting the Measure would result in most businesses paying a lower BLT in Monterey Park. Businesses earning more than \$500,000 would pay more BLT.

The BLT currently generates approximately \$800,000 in tax revenue. If adopted, Measure BE would generate an estimated \$1.2M. The City may legally use such revenue for any general governmental purpose.

To be adopted, Measure BE must be approved by a simple majority of the voters in the City of Monterey Park.

A "YES" vote approves the BLT amendment.

A "NO" vote opposes the BLT amendment.

KARL H. BERGER  
City Attorney

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BE

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE BE

The City's existing business license tax dates back to 1989 and generates revenue to support essential city services, including fire response, police patrols, parks, library, and senior services. However, our business license tax is severely outdated.

Industries have evolved and our local economy has changed over the past 35 years. The current business license tax charges the City's nearly 5,000 businesses based on the number of employees they have – the more employees, the more a business pays in tax. This results in a regressive tax, where small businesses (doing less than \$500,000 a year in revenue) are paying more of the business license tax revenue than big businesses (making tens of millions of dollars a year) in the City.

Many cities are shifting to a gross receipts tax, basing what a business pays in business license tax on their annual revenue generated in the city, as opposed to the number of employees. Cities including Los Angeles and Alhambra already have a gross receipts tax in place as proposed by this measure.

This measure would modernize our City's business license tax to match the current and emerging economy. It would also provide small businesses in the city with much needed relief by capping the tax at \$75 a year for businesses doing \$500,000 or less in revenue, reducing the tax burden on many small businesses in the City.

Join us in modernizing our business license tax, supporting essential city services, and improving the business environment in Monterey Park.

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE BE.

THOMAS WONG  
Monterey Park Mayor

BOB GIN  
Monterey Park Library Foundation President

JOSE SANCHEZ  
Monterey Park Councilmember

AMY LEE  
Small Business Owner and City Treasurer

ANDY YAM  
Garvey School District Boardmember

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED



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## FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE LG

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S GENERAL SERVICES SUCH AS MAINTAINING 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION; INCREASING NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROLS; MAINTAINING PARKS; SUPPORTING YOUTH, AFTERSCHOOL, AND SENIOR PROGRAMS; REPAIRING STREETS AND POTHoles; BY INCREASING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, PAID ONLY BY HOTEL/MOTEL AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL GUESTS, FROM 12% TO 13%, PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS; REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED**

The People of the City of Monterey Park do hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 3.26.020 is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 3.26.020. Tax imposed.**

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient must pay a tax in the amount of 13% of the rent charged by the operator. Such tax is a debt owed by the transient to the city, which debt may be extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the city. The transient must pay the tax to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax must be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax is due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If for any reason the tax is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the license officer may require that such tax be paid directly to the license officer."

**SECTION 2:** Environmental Analysis. This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 2100, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it establishes rules and procedures to implement government funding mechanisms; does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, this Resolution does not constitute a "project" that requires environmental review (see specifically 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5)).

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**SECTION 5:** Construction. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

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**SECTION 7:** Voter Approval. This Ordinance will enact and impose a general tax. Accordingly, it will be submitted to a general election on November 5, 2024, for voter approval. If **A MAJORITY** of voters vote in favor of this Ordinance, it will become valid and binding on the date that the City Council certifies the election results. Should the provisions of Government Code §§ 53720, et seq. or California Constitution Article XIII C be repealed or amended or interpreted by the courts so that voter approval is not required for enacting this Ordinance, then this Ordinance will take effect as provided for all other City ordinances and may be amended in the same manner as all other City ordinances.

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to any such directly conflicting provisions, the specific provisions of the Ordinance receiving the greater number of votes will prevail.

**SECTION 10:** Miscellaneous.

A. If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, we the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to permit the planning and development of the Project.

B. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the People that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 11:** The Mayor will sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk will attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance if a majority of the voters voting in the City's general election on November 5, 2024, approve it.

**SECTION 12:** Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 7265, this Ordinance will become operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE LG TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Measure LG would adopt an ordinance amending the City's transient occupancy tax ("TOT"). If approved, Measure LG would increase the TOT from 12% to 13%.

The TOT requires each person (or "transient") to pay a tax to the City when occupying space in any hotel, as defined in the Monterey Park Municipal Code. Hotel operators collect the TOT from transients on the City's behalf. TOT revenue collected by the operator is then remitted to the City. Hotel operators do not pay TOT; this tax is only paid by persons staying at a hotel.

Currently, the City charges a 12% TOT which generates an estimated \$3.5M for fiscal year 2024-25. Public documents estimate that each additional 1% increase in the TOT generates approximately \$500,000. Accordingly, the proposed 1% increase in TOT would result in the City receiving an additional \$500,000 per year. The City may legally use such revenue for any general governmental purpose.

To be adopted, Measure LG must be approved by a simple majority of the voters in the City of Monterey Park.

A "YES" vote approves the TOT increase.

A "NO" vote opposes the TOT increase.

KARL H. BERGER  
City Attorney



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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE LG

VOTE YES ON MEASURE LG

Many cities have long charged a tax on overnight hotel stays, including Monterey Park. This tax is called a transient occupancy tax (TOT) and generates funding to support essential city services, including police response, fire safety, parks, youth and senior services, and infrastructure investments.

This measure would simply update and modestly adjust the current 12% TOT rate to 13%, moving Monterey Park in line with other cities in the county, but still lower than cities like Los Angeles, Diamond Bar, and Culver City that have even higher TOT rates. The current TOT rate has not been changed in more than 35 years.

This measure would help to generate additional revenue to support critical city services, without any additional burden on residents of the city.

[Join us in supporting this responsible and modest effort to help ensure high quality police, fire, library, parks, youth, senior and public works services.](#)

VOTE YES ON MEASURE LG.

THOMAS WONG  
Monterey Park Mayor

BOB GIN  
Monterey Park Library Foundation President

JOSE SANCHEZ  
Monterey Park Councilmember

AMY LEE  
Small Business Owner and City Treasurer

ANDY YAM  
Garvey School District Boardmember

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

**By Dawyn R. Harrison, County Counsel**

Measure G ("Measure") is a proposed amendment to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles ("County") placed on the ballot by ordinance and resolution of the County Board of Supervisors ("Board"). The Measure would restructure the County government by establishing the office of an elected County Executive and additional appointed offices commencing in 2028, expanding the Board from five to nine elected members commencing in 2032, establishing an independent Ethics Commission by 2026, and by including additional restrictions, authorizations, and requirements, relating to governance and implementation, as specified in the Measure.

The elected County Executive would:

- Assume all executive and administrative powers and duties of the Board and the powers and duties of the County's administrative officer;
- Have authority to appoint, dismiss, and supervise department heads;
- Have veto power over certain actions of the Board, subject to override by the Board;
- Develop and submit the County annual budget to the Board; and
- Lead and direct the County's emergency response.

The new governance structure would include a Director of Budget and Management appointed by the County Executive to prepare and administer the annual budget for the County Executive.

After election of the County Executive, the Board would retain its legislative and quasi-judicial responsibilities. A County Legislative Analyst will be appointed by the Board to provide nonpartisan legislative support and analysis to the Board on County policy issues. The Board would be expanded to nine elected Supervisors following the 2030 redistricting process, in which nine Supervisorial Districts would be established by the County's independent redistricting commission before the 2032 election.

The responsibilities of the independent Los Angeles County Ethics Commission would include investigating allegations of misconduct and monitoring and enforcing laws related to governmental ethics. An Office of Ethics Compliance, led by an Ethics Compliance Officer would be established to support the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission.

If approved by the voters, the Measure would also:

- By 2026, require all agenda items for Board meetings to appear on the posted agenda at least 120 hours before a regular meeting;
- Authorize the suspension of any elected County official criminally charged with a felony related to a violation of official duties;
- Prohibit former County officials from lobbying the County for a minimum of two years after leaving County service;
- Require County departments and agencies to present their budgets during public meetings;
- Establish a Charter Review Commission to review the Los Angeles County Charter at least every ten years starting in 2034 to make recommendations to the Board;



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- Establish a Governance Reform Task Force to conduct community outreach and provide recommendations to the Board on implementation of the Measure; and
- Require that implementation costs be funded with existing County funding sources with no additional costs to, or taxes imposed on, taxpayers.

This Measure requires approval by majority vote for passage.

A "YES" vote is a vote to amend the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to establish an elected County Executive, expand the Board of Supervisors from five to nine elected Supervisors, create an independent Ethics Commission, Legislative Analyst, Director of Budget and Management, Governance Reform Task Force, and Charter Review Commission, increase lobbying restrictions, authorize suspension of elected County officials, present departmental budgets in public meetings, with no additional costs to, or taxes imposed on, taxpayers, as specified in the Measure.

A "NO" vote is a vote against amending the Charter of the County of Los Angeles, which will mean the structure of the County government continues in its current form with a five-member elected Board of Supervisors and no elected County Executive, no additional commissions or appointed offices will be required, and no additional restrictions, authorizations, or requirements will be added to the County Charter.

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

### G

VOTE YES on Measure G to **make Los Angeles County work better** for its 10 million residents by **improving ethics, representation, transparency, and accountability** through meaningful charter reform for the first time since 1912.

Vote YES to **advance ethics reforms to hold politicians accountable** and root out waste, fraud and corruption; **create an independent Ethics Commission**; prevent former politicians from lobbying the County in the first two years after leaving office; and authorize suspension of County politicians criminally charged with a felony.

Vote YES to empower voters by creating an **elected County Executive directly accountable to the people**, putting an end to the current system where an unelected bureaucrat controls the County's \$45 billion budget.

Vote YES to require County departments to hold **public budget hearings** and require a minimum of five days' notice to the public of County legislation, preventing politicians from making secret closed-door deals.

Vote YES to **increase representation and equity on the Board of Supervisors** by increasing the number of seats from five to nine members, shrinking the districts and allowing leaders to better serve their constituents.

Vote YES to put an end to the dysfunction that has allowed homelessness, housing, and other problems to get worse; **reforming County government by implementing the necessary checks and balances found at every other level of democratic government.**

Opponents of this measure—lobbyists, special interests, and political bureaucrats— want to keep the status quo because they benefit from it. Measure G will help to reduce their power and influence. Measure G will NOT cost taxpayers or impact County services. The measure mandates these reforms be implemented using existing funds from the County's massive \$45 billion budget.

**Measure G is necessary to create GOOD GOVERNMENT**, a more transparent, accountable, and effective Los Angeles County.

FERNANDO J. GUERRA  
Professor, Political Science

SARA SADHWANI  
Politics Professor, Pomona College

MARJUSHA P. KULKARNI  
Executive Director, AAPI Equity Alliance



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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Vote No on Measure G: Centralizes Power and Weakens Transparency

Vote No on Measure G. It would shift the accountability voters placed in the Board of Supervisors and centralize too much power in a single, newly elected County Chief Executive. By placing too much control into the hands of one person it weakens the checks and balances crucial for representing the needs of Los Angeles County's 10 million residents, and is a step in the wrong direction.

It falsely presents itself as necessary reform but many of the critical initiatives like the creation of the Ethics Commission are already underway and do not require voter approval. Instead of enhancing transparency, Measure G risks reducing it by consolidating authority.

Proponents claim there will be no tax increases or cuts to key services, but the truth is in the fine print. The tens of millions of dollars of one-time and ongoing costs for Measure G will be diverted from other county resources like our parks, clean streets, and libraries. These are not "free" reforms—all residents will pay the price.

This measure is opposed by a broad and diverse coalition, including labor unions, community organizations, firefighters, and law enforcement, all united in their concern that Measure G will do more harm than good. Los Angeles County deserves genuine, thoughtful reform—not a costly and risky experiment in government centralization.

Say NO to Measure G, an unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers with false promises and real costs.

**DEREK STEELE**  
Executive Director Social Justice Learning Institute

**GLAUZ DIEGO**  
Senior Director of Program

**KRISTIN NIMMERS**  
Policy & Campaign Manager

**MICHAEL CAO**  
Arcadia Mayor

**LINDA CHARNEY**  
Retired Librarian

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

The people of LA County deserve results from their elected leaders, not more elected positions without accountability and increased spending that takes from an already strained county budget working to address the homeless and mental health crisis, as proposed by Measure G.

**Weakens Accountability:** The proposed measure will add a Countywide Elected Officer who can serve with no term limits. The position will empower a single office that serves 10 million residents, with power over the county budget and all 40 county departments. This weakens the ability of the LA County Supervisors you elected to hold departments accountable for addressing the unique issues of the diverse communities they represent.

**No Budget Transparency:** Measure G will divert millions of dollars to create more elected and county offices that must be paid for by cutting budgets from other County offices and services, which has a direct impact on communities that rely solely on LA County for local government services. There are nearly a billion dollars in department requests for funding to carry out existing services and programs for residents that could be cut to pay for this measure.

LA County needs more results, not more government layers that cost taxpayer money and remove accountability.

That's why Measure G is opposed by police, firefighters, labor, and community groups.

Vote No on Measure G.

**DAVID GILLOTTE**  
President LA County Firefighters

**RICHARD PIPPIN**  
President, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs

**ALBERTO RETANA**  
President/CEO, Community Coalition

**KATHRYN BARGER**  
LA County Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District

**HOLLY J. MITCHELL**  
L.A. County Supervisor, 2nd Dist.



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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

**Yes on Measure G creates a more ethical, accountable, transparent County government, returning power to the people.**

**Lobbyists, wealthy developers, and special interests have too much influence over how the County is run and how budgets are spent.** They've rigged the system to work for them. They like the status quo and want to see Measure G fail.

**Yes on Measure G creates an independent Ethics Commission** to hold government officials accountable. It will investigate the waste, fraud and abuse that has benefited the special interest for too long. Measure G will not raise taxes or cut services, but instead use our resources more efficiently.

**Yes on Measure G cleans up County government** by creating stricter limits on lobbyists, imposing tougher penalties on politicians charged with corruption, and strengthening open meeting and public disclosure rules to prevent secret deals behind closed doors.

**Yes on Measure G empowers voters by creating a new elected County Executive that answers to the public.** Under the current system, an unelected bureaucrat holds the most powerful position in County government, controlling resources for homelessness, housing, and more. **Measure G returns power to the people and creates a more democratic system of government.**

A majority of the Board of Supervisors agree with small business owners, community and nonprofit leaders, and policy experts— we deserve a government that is accountable to voters, not special interests. **Vote YES on Measure G.**

DOLORES HUERTA  
Labor Leader and Civil Rights Activist

DR. CARMEN ESTRADA-SCHAYE  
LA County Small Business Commissioner

NAOMI RAINEY-PIERSON  
President, Long Beach Branch NAACP

SERENA OBERSTEIN  
Nonprofit Leader/Former LA City Ethics Commissioner

MANJUSHA P. KULKARNI  
Exec Director AAPI Equity Alliance

## PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT - MEASURE G

An ordinance calling a special election to be held on November 5, 2024, throughout the County of Los Angeles for the purpose of voting upon an amendment to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles and directing the consolidation of the election with the presidential general election to be held on the same day.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

### SECTION 1. Call of Election and Purpose.

A special election is hereby called, proclaimed, and ordered to be held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of voting upon a proposed amendment to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles.

### SECTION 2. Form of Measure.

The exact form of the measure as it is to appear on the ballot and the complete text of the proposed Charter amendment is as follows:

<b><u>PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT.</u></b>		
<b>LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY CHARTER AMENDMENT.</b> Shall the measure amending the Los Angeles County Charter to create an elected County Executive; create an independent Ethics Commission to increase restrictions on lobbying and investigate misconduct; establish a nonpartisan Legislative Analyst to review proposed County policies; increase the Board of Supervisors from five to nine elected members; require County departments to present annual budgets in public meetings; using existing funding sources with no additional taxes to implement, as detailed in the charter amendment ordinance, be adopted?	YES	
	NO	

This measure G will become effective only if submitted to the voters at the election held on November 5, 2024, and only after approval by a majority of the qualified voters voting in the election on the issue.

The Charter amendment will take effect as provided for in sections 23713 and 23714 of the Government Code.

**SECTION 3.** Article I, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Section 2.**

The powers mentioned in the preceding Section can be exercised only by a Board of Supervisors, or by agents and officers acting under their authority or by authority of law of this Charter.

This Section shall remain in effect until December 4, 2028 or until the County Executive assumes office, and as of that date, is inoperative.

### **Section 2.**



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The powers mentioned in the preceding Section can be exercised only by a Board of Supervisors, or by agents and officers acting under their authority or by authority of law of this County is organized on the principle of separation of powers, the legislative and quasi-judicial powers of the County being conferred upon the Board of Supervisors and the executive and administrative powers of the County being conferred upon the other elective officers of the County. Whenever laws of the State, heretofore or hereafter enacted, delegate executive or administrative powers or impose executive or administrative duties on Boards of Supervisors, such powers shall be exercised and duties performed in the County by the County Executive.

This Section shall become operative on December 4, 2028 or as soon as the County Executive assumes office.

**SECTION 4.** Article II, Section 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Section 4.

The County of Los Angeles shall have a Board of Supervisors consisting of five members, each of whom must be an elector of the district which they represents, must reside therein during his~~the~~their incumbency, must have been such an elector for at least ~~one year~~thirty days immediately preceding his ~~election~~the filing of their nomination papers, and shall be elected by such district. Following the 2030 redistricting process, the County of Los Angeles shall have a Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members, each of whom must be an elector of the district which they represent, must reside therein during their incumbency, must have been such an elector for at least thirty days immediately preceding the filing of their nomination papers, and shall be elected by such district. Their terms of office shall be four years, and each shall hold until his successor is elected and qualified. No person while a member of the Board of Supervisors shall receive any compensation, in addition to that provided for by this Section, for services rendered to any public or governmental entity. They shall each receive as compensation for their services a salary, payable monthly from the County Treasury, which shall be the same as that now or hereafter prescribed by law for a judge of the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles, except that retirement benefits shall be those now or hereafter provided by law for officers and employees of the County of Los Angeles. They shall devote all their time during business hours to the faithful service of the public.

~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, this amendment shall be operative as to incumbent members of said Board during their respective terms. If any provision of this amendment is held inoperative as to incumbent members during their current terms, then no change made by this amendment shall be operative as to incumbent members during their current terms, but in all other respects this amendment shall be operative to the extent legally possible.~~

No person shall be elected and qualified for the office of member of the Board of Supervisors if such person has been elected or served in such office for three consecutive terms, commencing with a term of office which begins in December 2002. The limitation on terms shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of the terms is less than one-half of the full term of office.

**SECTION 5.** Article II, Section 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Section 5.

The County is hereby divided into five supervisorial districts, as required by law the boundaries of which shall be and remain as they are now or until otherwise changed in this Charter.

Following the 2030 redistricting process, the County shall be divided into nine supervisorial districts, as required by law.

**SECTION 6.** Article II, Section 6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Section 6.

At each general election at which the Governor is to be elected, and every four years thereafter, supervisors shall be elected from the First and Third Supervisorial districts, whose terms shall be four years, beginning at noon the first Monday in December following their election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter; provided that each shall hold office until ~~his~~their successor is elected and qualified.

At each general election at which the office of President appears on the ballot, and every four years thereafter, supervisors shall be elected from the Second, Fourth and Fifth districts, whose terms shall be four years, beginning at noon on the first Monday in December following their election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter; provided that each shall hold office until ~~his~~their successor is elected and qualified.

This Section shall remain in effect until December 2, 2030 and as of that date, is inoperative.

## Section 6.

~~At each general election at which the Governor is to be elected, and every four years thereafter, supervisors shall be elected from the First and Third Supervisorial districts, whose terms shall be four years, beginning at noon the first Monday in December following their election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter; provided that each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.~~

~~At each general election at which the office of President appears on the ballot, and every four years thereafter, supervisors shall be elected from the Second, Fourth and Fifth districts, whose terms shall be four years, beginning at noon on the first Monday in December following their election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter; provided that each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.~~

In the 2032 general election, supervisors shall be elected from the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Supervisorial Districts.

Two of the Supervisorial Districts to be elected in the 2032 general election shall be selected randomly following the 2030 redistricting process for a two-year term of office which shall begin at noon the first Monday in December following their election in 2032, and end at noon on the first Monday in December, two years thereafter in 2034. Each supervisor shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified. The two-



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year term shall not count towards the term limits established in Article II, Section 4 of this Charter. The two-year term will not create a break in service for incumbent supervisors for purposes of determining consecutive terms pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of this Charter.

At the 2034 general election, supervisors shall be elected from the two Supervisorial Districts previously selected as subject to the two-year term and Supervisorial Districts One and Three. The term for the office of supervisors elected at the 2034 general election shall be four years, beginning at noon the first Monday in December following their election in 2034, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter in 2038, provided that each shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified.

At the 2036 general election, supervisors shall be elected from the five Supervisorial Districts that did not have elections in 2034. The term for the office of supervisors elected at the 2036 general election shall be four years, beginning at noon the first Monday in December following their election in 2036, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter in 2040, provided that each shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified.

Thereafter, the election of supervisors in the County shall be staggered, such that four supervisors will be elected at each general election at which the Governor is to be elected, and every four years thereafter, and five supervisors will be elected at each general election at which the office of President appears on the ballot, and every four years thereafter. The term of office shall be four years, beginning at noon the first Monday in December following their election, and ending at noon on the first Monday in December, four years thereafter, provided that each shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified.

This Section shall become operative on December 3, 2030.

**SECTION 7.** Article II, Section 7 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 8.** Effective December 4, 2028, or as soon as the County Executive assumes office, Article III, (beginning with Section 10) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 9.** Effective December 4, 2028, or as soon as the County Executive assumes office, Article III-A (beginning with Section 10.2) is added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

## ARTICLE III-A

### GENERAL POWERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Section 10.2.** The legislative and quasi-judicial power of the County is vested in the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 10.4.** The Board of Supervisors may enact ordinances and adopt resolutions and Board orders as provided in Article III-C of this Charter. Action by the Board of Supervisors shall be by ordinance or resolution, except where the Board is authorized by this Charter to act on specific matters by Board order.

**Section 10.5.** The Board of Supervisors may by order, remove from office any person it has exclusive authority to appoint.

**Section 10.6.** The Board of Supervisors may initiate amendments to the County Charter and put questions to referendum as provided by law. Resolutions and ordinances adopted pursuant to this Section are not subject to veto or approval by the County Executive.

**Section 10.10.** The Board of Supervisors through its County Legislative Analyst shall receive nonpartisan legislative support and analysis on County policy issues.

**Section 10.12.** The Board of Supervisors may conduct public hearings pertaining to any matter concerning which the Board is empowered to act.

**Section 10.14.** The Board of Supervisors is authorized, and it shall be the duty of the Board:

A. To provide, by ordinance, the functions to be performed, the services to be provided, and the policies to be followed by County offices, departments and agencies.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, to provide, by ordinance, for the compensation of elective and appointive officers and employees of the County.

C. To provide, by ordinance, for the number of assistants, deputies, clerks, attaches, and other persons to be employed from time to time in the several offices, departments and agencies of the County.

D. To provide, by ordinance, for the creation of County offices other than those required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

E. To provide, by ordinance, for the consolidation or separation of offices provided for in this Charter or by law.

F. To require, if deemed expedient, any County officer or employee, before or after entering upon the duties of their office or service, to give bond for the faithful performance thereof, in such penal sums as may be fixed by the Board.

G. To limit implementation costs necessary to expand the membership of the Board of Supervisors from five to nine members, to establish the positions of elected County Executive, Director of Budget and Management, County Legislative Analyst, and Ethics Compliance Officer, and to establish the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission, the Office of Ethics Compliance, the Governance Reform Task Force, and the Charter Review Commission, so that such implementation costs are funded with existing County funding sources and result in no additional costs to, or taxes imposed on taxpayers, with any implementation costs to be offset by cost savings, as determined through the annual County budgeting process and in coordination with the County Executive.

**Section 10.16.** The Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, appropriate and authorize the expenditure of any and all funds of the County, including funds made available from State, federal or private sources. Budget adjustments shall be made by resolution. No officer, employee, department or agency of the County shall make any expenditure of County funds that has not been authorized by appropriation of the Board of Supervisors or otherwise authorized by law.

**Section 10.18.** The Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, not subject to approval or veto by the County Executive, set the property tax rate. All powers of the County to levy taxes, fees,



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excises, or like exactions are vested in the Board of Supervisors, acting by ordinance or resolution.

**Section 10.20.** For the conduct of its functions, the Board of Supervisors may by Board order, establish rules of organization and procedure, and establish committees of its members or other appropriate assignments.

**Section 10.22.** The Board of Supervisors may request the County Executive to submit regular reports to the Board relating to the conduct of County business and programs, the quality of County services, and the productivity of County programs. The County Executive shall respond to such requests.

**Section 10.24.** The Board of Supervisors may authorize and regulate expenditures from funds which have been appropriated to the Board for its own operations. All such expenditures are subject to the audit procedures applicable to all County departments and operations.

**Section 10.26.** The Board of Supervisors may establish an office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, appoint a Clerk, and specify the authority and duties of the Clerk and the Clerk's subordinates. Specific duties of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall be prescribed by ordinance which shall not be subject to veto by the County Executive.

**Section 10.28.** The Board of Supervisors shall appoint a County Legislative Analyst to provide nonpartisan legislative support and analysis for the Board of Supervisors on County policy issues. The County Legislative Analyst may only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Specific duties of the Legislative Analyst shall be prescribed by ordinance which shall not be subject to veto by the County Executive.

**SECTION 10.** Effective December 4, 2028, or as soon as the County Executive assumes office, Article III-B (beginning with Section 11.2) is added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

## ARTICLE III-B

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Section 11.2.** At the general election to be held in 2028, a County Executive shall be elected, whose term shall begin at noon on the first Monday in December after their election and shall end at noon on the first Monday in December four years thereafter. The County Executive shall thereafter be elected at each general election for which the office of President appears on the ballot. The County Executive shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualifies.

**Section 11.4.** A person elected to the Office of County Executive must have been an elector of the County for at least thirty days immediately preceding the filing of their nomination papers and must reside in the County during their incumbency.

**Section 11.6.** The County Executive shall receive as compensation for their services an annual salary payable monthly from the County Treasury and shall have the retirement benefits now or hereafter provided by law for officers and employees of the County. The annual salary of the County Executive shall be set by the Board of Supervisors and be subject to Article XII, Section 52 of this Charter. However, the compensation of the County Executive shall at all times be at

least \$1.00 more than the compensation of any other County elective officer. A County Executive may not receive any compensation, in addition to that provided by this Section, for services rendered to any public or governmental entity. The County Executive shall devote all of their time during business hours to the faithful service of the public.

**Section 11.8.** The County Executive shall perform all powers and duties provided by State law and the County Code to the county chief administrative officer. The executive and administrative authority of the County is vested in the County Executive except for administrative oversight of the County Legislative Analyst and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive is responsible for the faithful execution and fair administration of all laws and ordinances relating to the County except insofar as such authority and responsibility is vested by law in other County officers.

**Section 11.10.** The County Executive shall supervise, direct and manage the conduct of all County officers and the operation of all departments and agencies of the County, including all districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing board to the extent permitted by State law, except the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Legislative Analyst, and their departments. All officers, employees, departments and agencies of the County under the supervision of the County Executive will report exclusively to the County Executive and will be bound by their directives and pronouncements.

**Section 11.12.** Except as otherwise provided by local, State or federal law, the County Executive may prescribe, for all County officers, departments, and agencies, including all districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing board to the extent permitted by State law, except the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Legislative Analyst, and their departments, administrative priorities, policies, procedures, and practices necessary to efficiently and economically carry out the law and the functions of the County officer, employee, department or agency concerned.

**Section 11.14.** The County Executive shall have the power to approve or veto an ordinance or resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors and to veto or reduce an appropriation item in an ordinance or resolution or in the annual budget or budget adjustment adopted by the Board of Supervisors except as otherwise expressly provided in this Charter.

**Section 11.16.** The County Executive or their designee shall be the sole representative of the public employer and shall have the duty to negotiate as such representative as required by federal or State law or County ordinance.

**Section 11.18.** The County Executive shall appoint the head of each County department and agency, including all districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing board to the extent permitted by State law, except elective offices, the County Legislative Analyst, and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Appointments by the County Executive, except to positions within the department of the County Executive, shall not be effective until confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.



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**Section 11.20.** The County Executive may remove, at any time, with or without cause, any person whom they are authorized to appoint, except that person may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 11.22.** The County Executive may formally delegate any of the powers vested in them by this Charter to officers whose appointment is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, except that the County Executive may not delegate the power to appoint or remove nor the power to veto or approve ordinances or resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 11.24.** The County Executive shall develop and submit the County annual budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval or amendment by that body, which shall transmit back any amendments to the budget to the County Executive, in accordance with State law. The County Executive shall also have the power to veto amendments made by the Board of Supervisors to the budget, except that the Board of Supervisors has seven days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) from such veto to restore an amendment by two-third vote of its members, within the time for adopting the County budget specified in State law.

**Section 11.26.** The County Executive shall appoint a Director of Budget and Management, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. It shall be the duty of the Director of Budget and Management, under the direction of the County Executive, to advise and provide recommendations to the County Executive on the fiscal condition, financial status, and future needs of the County, to prepare the County's annual budget and administer the budget upon adoption, to promote productivity, economic development, and efficiency in the conduct of County government, and to coordinate and perform additional administrative functions as directed by the County Executive.

**Section 11.28.** The County Executive shall, from time to time, but not less often than once each year, make in person a report to the Board of Supervisors concerning the state of the County and recommend to the Board of Supervisors, for its consideration, such measures as the County Executive believes to be necessary and expedient.

**Section 11.30.** The County Executive shall submit a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors within the time required by law.

**Section 11.32.** If the Board of Supervisors determines by a two-thirds vote of its members that the County Executive is temporarily disabled, the Chair of the Board shall become the Acting County Executive for the period of such temporary disability or until a vacancy in the office of County Executive is declared. A temporary disability is terminated when the County Executive files a declaration with the Board of Supervisors stating that the temporary disability has ended. Such declaration shall be based upon the sworn written testimony of three competent physicians licensed to practice medicine in the State of California that the County Executive's temporary disability has ended and that the County Executive is physically and mentally competent and able to carry out the duties of Office. For the purposes of this action, the Acting County Executive shall have the full powers of the County Executive except they shall not have the power to remove any person subject to the appointment authority of the County Executive. If the Chair of the Board is disabled or there is no Chair, the

Chair Pro Tempore shall become the Acting County Executive. If the Chair Pro Tempore is disabled or there is no Chair Pro Tempore, the most senior Supervisor in years of service shall become the Acting County Executive.

**Section 11.34.** A vacancy exists in the Office of County Executive upon the death, removal or resignation of the County Executive or when the County Executive is continuously disabled from performing the duties of the office for a period of 180 days or more, and the Board of Supervisors, by Board order approved by a unanimous vote of its members, finds that it is probable that this disability will substantially impair the County Executive's ability to perform their duties over the balance of the term. When there is such a vacancy in the Office of County Executive, the Chair of the Board shall become the Acting County Executive with the full powers of the County Executive provided in this Charter until an elected successor qualifies, or until a County Executive is appointed or the Chair of the Board shall become County Executive as hereinafter provided, whichever first occurs.

When a vacancy occurs in the Office of County Executive, the vacancy shall be filled by election if the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance calling a special election for such purpose on or before the thirtieth day after the vacancy occurs. In such case, a successor shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. In the event that the Board of Supervisors fails to call such an election, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor made not earlier than the thirty-first day nor later than the ninetieth day after the vacancy occurs. In the event the Governor fails to appoint a successor within such period, the Chair of the Board or the Supervisor who is the Acting County Executive pursuant to Section 11.34 shall become the County Executive.

Whenever a County Executive is appointed or the Chair of the Board becomes County Executive because the Governor failed to appoint a County Executive as herein provided, the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of their successor. In such case, a successor shall be elected at the next general election, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, unless such term expires on the first Monday of December succeeding said election.

**Section 11.36.** Subject to State law, the County Executive shall be responsible for initiating, coordinating, and directing the County's activities and operations relating to emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, and shall be the designated operational area coordinator and the chair of the County's Emergency Management Council. Any ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors relating to the County's emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, and the exercise of the County's emergency powers shall be consistent with this Section.

**Section 11.38.** The County Executive shall, in coordination with the Board of Supervisors, limit implementation costs necessary to expand the membership of the Board of Supervisors from five to nine, to establish the positions of elected County Executive, Director of Budget and Management, County Legislative Analyst, and Ethics Compliance Officer, and to establish the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission, the Office of Ethics Compliance, the Governance Reform Task Force, and the Charter Review Commission, so that such implementation costs are funded with existing County funding sources and result in no additional



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costs to, or taxes imposed on taxpayers, with any implementation costs to be offset by cost savings, as determined through the annual County budgeting process.

**Section 11.40.** The County Executive shall have such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** Effective December 4, 2028, or as soon as the County Executive assumes office, Article III-C (beginning with Section 11.50) is added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

## ARTICLE III-C

### ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND BOARD ORDERS

**Section 11.50.** The enactment of an ordinance, or adoption of a resolution or Board order may be proposed by any member of the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 11.52.** An ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors is subject to the approval or veto by the County Executive except when such approval or veto is expressly made inapplicable by a provision of this Charter.

**Section 11.54.** A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors is subject to the approval or veto by the County Executive except when such approval or veto is expressly made inapplicable by a provision of this Charter.

**Section 11.56.** A Board order may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Board orders do not require approval, nor are they subject to veto by the County Executive, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.

**Section 11.58.** After an ordinance or resolution has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, it shall be presented to the County Executive by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**Section 11.60.** Within five business days after the County Executive is presented an ordinance or resolution which the Board of Supervisors has designated an urgency measure and within twelve business days in all other cases, the County Executive shall either approve the ordinance or resolution by signing it and returning it to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the County Executive shall disapprove and veto the ordinance or resolution and return the ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with the County Executive's written objections thereto. The failure of the County Executive to return an ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within the time limits herein specified shall constitute their approval thereof and the ordinance or resolution shall take effect without the signature of the County Executive, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors making note of such fact on the official copy of the ordinance or resolution.

When the County Executive has been out of the County for a period of ten business days, the power of the County Executive to veto an ordinance or resolution shall devolve on the Chair of the Board. When the County Executive is out of the County, the Chair of the Board may immediately approve or veto an urgency ordinance or resolution necessary to protect the public health and safety.

**Section 11.62.** The County Executive may veto or reduce one or more appropriation items in an ordinance or resolution and approve the remainder of such ordinance or resolution. In such

case, the County Executive shall return the ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with their written objections to the appropriation items therein which the County Executive vetoed or reduced.

**Section 11.64.** When the County Executive has vetoed an ordinance or resolution or appropriation item or has reduced an appropriation item, the Board of Supervisors may reconsider the same. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of its members vote in favor of the passage thereof, within thirty days after it is returned to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the ordinance, resolution, or appropriation item shall become effective, notwithstanding the prior veto or the reduction of the appropriation item. If by law a larger than two-thirds vote by the Board of Supervisors is required for the adoption of a particular ordinance or resolution, such larger vote shall also be required to overcome the veto or appropriation item reduction by the County Executive. When an ordinance, resolution or appropriation item becomes effective pursuant to this Section, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall make note thereof on the official copy of the ordinance or resolution.

**Section 11.65.** Except as otherwise provided or required by law or in this Charter, the contracting authority of the County shall be exercised by the Board of Supervisors by Board order with the concurrence of the County Executive. The Board of Supervisors may delegate contracting authority to the County Executive as necessary to carry out the functions of the County Executive's office.

**Section 11.66.** By 2026, all items of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors shall be on the posted agenda at least 120 hours (five days) before the regular meeting, subject to exceptions permitted by, and in compliance with all other applicable requirements under, State law.

**SECTION 12.** Article III-D (beginning with Section 11.68) is added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

## ARTICLE III-D

### ETHICS AND CHARTER REVIEW

**Section 11.68.** The Los Angeles County Ethics Commission.

A. By 2026, there shall be an independent Los Angeles County Ethics Commission that shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in this Charter and provided by ordinance in the County Code. The Commission shall:

- (1) Investigate allegations of misconduct by County officials;
- (2) Monitor and enforce laws in coordination with other agencies related to governmental ethics, including, but not limited to, campaign finance, conflicts of interest, lobbying, post-government employment, government contracts, and land use developer conflicts;
- (3) Regularly review the County Code and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for updates regarding governmental ethics including, but not limited to, campaign finance, conflicts of interest, lobbying, post-government employment, government contracts, and land use developer conflicts;



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(4) Develop and/or implement additional updates and features to enable searchable public data portals related to governmental ethics, including, but not limited to, all lobbying activities such as registration, activity, contributions and expenditures, to be updated in real time, or as close to real time as practicable.

B. The Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive upon establishment of the office of County Executive, shall provide reasonable funding and staffing for the Commission.

### Section 11.70. Office of Ethics Compliance.

By 2026, there shall be an Office of Ethics Compliance established to support the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission and to accomplish the Commission's duties and objectives. The Office of Ethics Compliance shall be led by an Ethics Compliance Officer, who shall perform duties as provided in this Charter and by ordinance in the County Code.

**Section 11.72.** The Board of Supervisors shall by ordinance prohibit former County officials, including a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff, the Assessor, the District Attorney, the County Executive and any County employee or member of a County board or commission required to file a statement of economic interests pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended, from engaging in direct communication with any County agency, for the purpose of attempting to influence any action or decision on any matter pending before that County agency on behalf of any person or entity, other than a government agency, for a minimum of two years after leaving County service.

### Section 11.74. Governance Reform Task Force.

The Board of Supervisors shall establish a Governance Reform Task Force, with representation from the County workforce, responsible for implementation of this Charter amendment upon adoption by the voters, including robust community and stakeholder outreach. The Governance Reform Task Force's role shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors. The Governance Reform Task Force shall convene no later than 180 days after certification of the vote and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors within a reasonable timeframe in order to carry out the effects of the Charter amendment. The Governance Reform Task Force shall disband upon completion of implementation no later than December 3, 2028, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors. Implementation efforts and recommendations by the Governance Reform Task Force shall use existing County funding sources, and any implementation costs shall be offset by cost savings determined through the annual County budgeting process, with no additional costs to, or taxes imposed on taxpayers.

### Section 11.76. Charter Review Commission.

A. By 2034, there shall be an advisory Charter Review Commission that shall have the duties and responsibilities set forth in this Charter and provided by ordinance in the County Code.

B. The Charter Review Commission shall meet, at a minimum, decennially to review Los Angeles County governance and the County Charter. The Commission shall make recommendations relating to County governance and the County Charter to the Board of Supervisors. Upon transmittal of the Commission's recommendations, the Board of Supervisors must place the

recommendations on the Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda and vote on the recommendations by no later than 90 days after receipt.

**SECTION 13.** Article IV, Section 12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### Section 12.

The elective County officers other than members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive (starting in 2028) shall be: Sheriff, District Attorney and Assessor.

~~No person shall be elected and qualified for the office of Sheriff, District Attorney or Assessor if such a person has been elected or served in such office for three consecutive terms, commencing with a term of office which begins in December, 2002. The limitation on terms shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is elected or appointed if the remainder of the terms is less than one-half of the full term of office.~~

**SECTION 14.** Article IV, Section 14 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### Section 14.

The appointive County officers shall be:

Auditor

Board of Education, Members of

Board of Law Library Trustees, Members of

Civil Service Commission, Members of

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Coroner

County Clerk

County Counsel

Director of Budget and Management (starting in 2028)

Ethics Compliance Officer (starting in 2026)

Fish and Game Warden

Health Officer

Horticultural Commissioner

County Legislative Analyst (starting in 2028)

License Collector

Livestock Inspector

Probation Committee, Members of

Probation Officer

Public Administrator

Public Defender

Purchasing Agent

Recorder

Registrar of Voters

Road Commissioner



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Superintendent of Schools

Surveyor

Tax Collector

Treasurer

Director of Hospitals

Director of Public Social Services

Director of Adoptions

Director of Personnel

Such other officers as may hereafter be provided by law shall also be appointive.

The treasurer shall be ex officio Tax Collector and License Collector.

The Coroner shall be a physician who is a certified pathologist.

**SECTION 15.** Article IV, Section 16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 16.**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Charter,  
Whenever a vacancy occurs in an elective County office other than a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall fill such vacancy, and the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of ~~his~~ their successor. In such case, there shall be elected at the next general election an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term, unless such term expires on the first Monday in December succeeding said election.

**SECTION 16.** Article IV, Section 17 is hereby added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

**Section 17.**

A. The Board of Supervisors shall have the authority to suspend from office, an elective County officer, including a member of the Board of Supervisors, with or without pay, after the elective County Officer has been criminally charged with a felony related to a violation of official duties. Suspension may be made by the Board only after the elective County officer has been:

- (1) Served with a written statement of the alleged grounds for suspension; and
- (2) Provided a reasonable opportunity to be publicly heard in their own defense.

B. The Board of Supervisors may provide for procedures by which a suspension proceeding pursuant to this Section shall be conducted.

C. This Section shall not be applied to interfere with the independent and constitutionally and statutorily designated investigative function of a Sheriff or the investigative and prosecutorial function of a District Attorney.

**SECTION 17.** Effective December 4, 2028, or as soon as the County Executive assumes office Article VI, Section 21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 21.** The County Counsele shall represent and advise the Board of Supervisors, ~~the County Executive,~~ and all County ~~township~~ and school district officers, in all matters and questions of law pertaining to their duties, and shall have exclusive charge and control of all civil actions and proceedings in which the County, or any officer thereof, is concerned or is a party. ~~The County Counsel~~He shall also act as attorney for the Public Administrator in the matter of all estates in which such office is executor, administrator with the will annexed, or administrator, and the County Counsel shall, in every such matter, collect the attorney's fees allowed therein by law and pay the same into the County Treasury. The Board of Supervisors may authorize the County Counsel to file or dispose of suits or proceedings on behalf of the County with the concurrence of the County Executive. If the County Executive does not concur, disposition shall be by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

**SECTION 18.** Article VI, Section 25-1/3 is hereby added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

**Section 25-1/3.**

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Sections 22, 22-1/4, 22-1/2, 22- 3/4, 23, 24, 24-1/3, 24-2/3, 27 or any other provision of this Charter, the head of each department, except the Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor, County Legislative Analyst and Clerk of the Board, shall report to and be under the general supervision and direction of the County Executive pursuant to Article III-B of this Charter.

**SECTION 19.** Article VI, Section 25-2/3 is hereby added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read as follows:

**Section 25-2/3.**

The head of each County department and agency shall present their requested budget at a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors, prior to adoption of the annual County budget.

**SECTION 20.** Article IX, Section 32 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 32.**

Director of Personnel.

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the Director of Personnel who shall under the general direction of the Board of Supervisors, administer the Civil Service system in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and the Civil Service Rules. The Director of Personnel shall, under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, perform such other duties as may be prescribed by said Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 22¾ hereof. The Director of Personnel shall appoint all assistants, deputies, and other persons in the department.

This Section shall remain in effect until December 4, 2028 or until the County Executive assumes office and as of that date, is inoperative.

**Section 32.**

Director of Personnel.

The ~~Board of Supervisors~~County Executive shall appoint the Director of Personnel, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, who shall under the general direction of the ~~Board of Supervisors~~County Executive, administer the Civil Service system in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and



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the Civil Service Rules. The Director of Personnel shall, under the direction of the ~~Board of Supervisors~~ County Executive, perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ~~said Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 22¾ hereof. The Director of Personnel shall appoint all assistants, deputies, and other persons in the department.~~ the County Executive.

This Section shall become operative on December 4, 2028 or as soon as the County Executive assumes office.

**SECTION 21.** Article IX, Section 33 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 33.**

The Civil Service of the County is hereby divided into the unclassified and the classified service.

The unclassified service shall comprise:

All officers elected by the people.

Members of all commissions, committees and boards created by this Charter, statute or ordinance.

All heads of County agencies and departments. In the office of the District Attorney: The Chief and one other deputy, Bureau Chiefs, Assistant Bureau Chiefs, Administrative Deputy-District Attorney, Chief Field Deputy, three Special Assistants, one secretary, and three detectives; and special counsel and special detectives for temporary employment.

In the office of the Sheriff: The Undersheriff, or Chief Deputy, one Executive Assistant, one Executive Secretary, three Field Deputies, three Assistant Sheriffs, one of whom may be non-sworn and may be appointed from outside the office of the Sheriff, and twelve Division Chiefs, two of whom may be non-sworn and may be appointed from outside the office of the Sheriff. In the office of the Assessor: The Chief Deputy, one Assistant Assessor, one Executive Secretary, three Special Assistants, and four Directors.

Superintendents, principals and teachers in the school system. All officers and other persons serving the County without compensation.

In the office of each Supervisor: All Deputies. Some or all of these Deputies may by ordinance be given a job title other than Deputy.

In each County agency and department: The positions, if any, of Chief Deputies, and of assistants or deputies next in line of authority to Chief Deputies.

In the Office of the County Executive: All Deputies. Some or all of these positions may, by ordinance, be given a job title other than Deputy.

The classified service shall include all other positions now existing or hereafter created.

**SECTION 22.** Article IX, Section 33.5 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 23.** Article XII, Section 52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 52.**

The compensation of an elective County or ~~township~~ officer shall not be increased nor diminished, unless suspended pursuant to Article XI, Section 17 of this Charter, during the

term for which ~~he~~ they ~~was~~ were elected, nor within ninety days preceding ~~his~~ their election provided, however, that the Board of Supervisors may adopt an ordinance thirty or more days preceding the election increasing or diminishing the salary of an elective office upon taking office of a new officer who was not the holder of the office during the immediately preceding term. Whenever the Board of Supervisors fills a vacancy pursuant to Section 16 of this Charter, the compensation of the office may be increased or diminished by an ordinance adopted prior to the appointment of the new officer.

**SECTION 24. Legal Effect of Inoperative Provisions.**

In the event that the amendment to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles contained in this measure is rendered inoperative because of the actions of any court, legislative or other body, or for any other reason, the provisions of the County Charter in effect on November 5, 2024, will remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 25. Legal Effect of Invalid Provisions.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this proposition is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words of the Los Angeles County Charter. The voters of the County declare that they would have independently adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this measure irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words are declared invalid or unenforceable.

**SECTION 26. Consolidation.**

The special election will be consolidated with the Presidential general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The measure will be placed on the same ballot as that provided for the general election. The precincts, polling places or vote centers, and precinct board members will be the same as provided for the Statewide general election.

**SECTION 27. Proclamation.**

Pursuant to section 12001 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County hereby PROCLAIMS that a special Countywide election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to vote upon the Charter amendment described in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 28. Effective Date.**

Pursuant to section 9141 of the Elections Code and section 25123 of the Government Code, this ordinance will take effect upon the adoption thereof.

**SECTION 29. Authority.**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to sections 23720, 23730, and 23731 of the Government Code, and sections 9141, 10402, 10403, and 12001 of the Elections Code.

**SECTION 30. Publication.**

This ordinance must be published once before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage in a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed, published, and circulated in the County pursuant to section 25124 of the Government Code.



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The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors is ordered to file a copy of this ordinance with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at least eighty- eight days prior to the day of the election.

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### **COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - MEASURE G LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ETHICS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY CHARTER AMENDMENT**

This Charter Amendment would make changes to the structure of County government. In accordance with the Elections Code, the scope of this fiscal impact statement is limited to the Charter Amendment's effect on revenues and expenditures.

Overall, this Charter Amendment will likely result in additional future costs in two categories – for implementation of the Charter Amendment, and for the ongoing costs of operating the new offices and positions it creates.

The Charter Amendment requires that implementation costs be funded with existing County funding sources and result in no additional costs to, or taxes imposed on taxpayers. Accordingly, implementation costs including, but not limited to, the office and space requirements of the four new Supervisorial districts, establishing new departments and officials as outlined in the Charter Amendment, and additional technology and election costs may be addressed by reallocating funds from other County functions/programs, setting aside future growth of existing funding sources, and/or realizing savings from operating efficiencies. Overall, estimates indicate one-time implementation costs could be \$8 million or more, depending on future policymaker decisions.

Ongoing costs of the Charter Amendment would include salaries and benefits for newly created positions and offices, ongoing costs for office space, and other administrative and support needs. However, the amount of these future costs and their funding source(s) cannot be estimated since some of the changes will not begin until 2030, and their impacts are contingent on future policymaker decisions. The financing of ongoing costs as opposed to implementation costs is not addressed in the Charter Amendment. Ongoing costs are not subject to the same requirement that they be funded with existing County funding sources and offset by cost savings. They may be funded by reallocating existing resources, reserving future revenue growth, achieving operating efficiencies, or by utilizing alternative and/or new funding sources. Ultimately, policymakers will determine the mix of new and existing funding sources to pay for ongoing operating costs, as well as the impact on the operations and finances of other County functions/programs.

Our estimates were based on cost information provided by County departments and projections regarding the operational impacts of this Charter Amendment and are subject to uncertainty. If the actual impact differs significantly from our projections, costs could be higher or lower than our estimates.

OSCAR VALDEZ  
County of Los Angeles  
Auditor-Controller



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## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

**By Dawyn R. Harrison, County Counsel**

Measure A ("Measure") is a citizens' initiative that qualified for placement on the ballot based on a sufficient number of registered voters signing a petition proposing the Measure. If approved, the Measure would adopt an ordinance to impose a one-half percent (0.50%) special transactions and use tax ("Tax"), also known as a sales tax, imposed for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail and for the storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles ("County"). Approval of the Measure would also repeal the current one-quarter percent (0.25%) transactions and use tax in the County, codified in Title 4, Chapter 4.73 of the Los Angeles County Code.

As specified in the Measure, the proceeds of the Tax will be used to reduce and prevent homelessness by funding programs and services supporting physical and mental health care, and emergency, interim and permanent housing, job counseling and subsidized employment, case management and outreach, substance use treatment, construction and preservation of affordable housing, and the collection and analysis of data to evaluate the programs funded by the Tax.

The Tax has no expiration date and will be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. The Measure allows for no more than one-half percent (0.5%) of the Tax proceeds to be used for reasonable costs to collect and distribute the tax. The specific allocation plan requires that net revenues generated by the Tax be apportioned for the following programs, as specified in the Measure:

- 61.25% to the County for Comprehensive Homelessness Services, the Local Solutions Fund, Homelessness Solutions Innovations, and Accountability, Data, and Research;
- 35.75% to the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency ("LACAHSAs") for Affordable Housing and Prevention; and
- 3% to the Los Angeles County Development Authority for Local Housing Production.

Tax proceeds will be deposited into an account maintained by the Auditor-Controller. Entities receiving Tax proceeds shall annually report on the amount of proceeds received and spent, the status of any work funded by the proceeds, and funds carried over from previous years. The Auditor-Controller will annually report on all receipts and expenditures. The County will annually audit receipts and expenditures of the Tax. LACAHSAs's citizens' oversight committee will oversee LACAHSAs's expenditures of the Tax proceeds.

The County Board of Supervisors ("Board") will evaluate whether to adjust funding allocations beginning in fiscal year 2030-31, and at least every five years thereafter. LACAHSAs and the Board-created Executive Committee will evaluate the effectiveness of the services and programs funded by the Tax, and the Executive Committee may make recommendations to reallocate funds within specified limits.

Tax proceeds may not be used to fund investigations or prosecutions resulting in criminal, civil, or administrative penalties against people experiencing homelessness or low-

income people. The Measure includes wage requirements for social services and construction projects funded by Tax proceeds and requires project labor agreements for projects of 40 units or more.

This Measure requires a majority vote for passage.

A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of approving a one-half percent (0.50%) special transactions and use tax in the County fund programs to reduce and prevent homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in the County, and repealing the one-quarter percent (0.25%) transactions and use tax in the County that currently funds programs to reduce and prevent homelessness.

A "NO" vote is a vote against approving a one-half percent (0.50%) special transactions and use tax in the County to fund programs to reduce and prevent homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing in the County, and which will keep the one-quarter percent (0.25%) transactions and use tax that currently funds programs to reduce and prevent homelessness in place until it expires in 2027.



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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

### A

#### **Vote Yes on Measure A for a New Approach to Reduce Homelessness, Increase Affordability and Improve Neighborhoods**

We need a new and different approach to reduce homelessness, increase housing affordability, make neighborhoods safer and prevent critical funding from expiring. Measure A was written by experts and put on the ballot by L.A. County voters - not politicians.

#### **Vote Yes on Measure A to:**

##### **Take a New Approach with Strong Accountability**

Measure A repeals and replaces the existing homelessness sales tax with a new approach. It moves away from the status quo while advancing programs proven to work. Measure A holds providers accountable to results, requires public spending reports and annual audits. Programs that underperform will have funding taken away.

##### **Stop People from Returning to the Streets**

Significant funding to reduce homelessness in Los Angeles County will expire. Unless Measure A passes, thousands of people currently in housing and receiving services will be forced back onto the streets. Experts estimate a 25% increase in homelessness due to loss of services if Measure A doesn't pass. That's why Measure A is supported by firefighters, paramedics, and nurses who treat homeless patients.

##### **Remove Encampments, Make Neighborhoods Cleaner and Safer**

The Governor issued an executive order to accelerate the removal of homeless encampments. Measure A is necessary to remove encampments across L.A. County and make neighborhoods cleaner and safer.

##### **Increase Mental Health and Addiction Treatment**

24% of homeless people suffer from serious mental illness and addiction. Measure A increases mental health care and substance abuse treatment to reduce chronic homelessness.

##### **Build Affordable Housing and Prevent Homelessness**

Measure A prevents more people from falling into homelessness by building more affordable housing, increasing home ownership, providing emergency rental assistance, and reducing unnecessary red tape to make it simpler and faster for people to access affordable housing.

#### **Vote Yes on Measure A to reduce the suffering on our streets that impacts all of us.**

ELIZABETH CONTRERAS MARTINEZ  
Executive Director, Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter

ERIN RANK  
President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

STEPHANIE KLASKY-GARNER  
President & CEO, LA Family Housing

SHAMIKA OSSEY-HARRIS  
Emergency Preparedness Public Health Nurse

ANDREW KERR  
Long Beach Homeowner



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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

**A is for AGAIN? A is for ANOTHER tax increase for homelessness?**

**Measure A is a sales tax increase** across all of Los Angeles County to pay even more for the same failed homelessness programs.

In 2017, voters approved Measure H, a temporary sales tax increase of 0.25% to pay for homelessness services.

Measure H is set to expire in 2027. But **Measure A doubles the sales tax for homelessness and makes it permanent.** Measure A will cost L.A. County residents more than \$1 billion a year in higher sales taxes.

And where does that money go? To the so-called "experts" who have already received hundreds of millions of dollars for homelessness programs while the problem got worse.

Measure A is a "citizens' initiative tax increase," sponsored by the so-called "experts" who will get the contracts to operate the same failed homelessness programs. Usually tax increases for a special purpose like this require a two-thirds vote of the people, but because of a court-created loophole, a "citizens' initiative tax increase" would pass with just a simple majority of 50% plus one vote.

So now special interests can write their own tax increase, collect signatures to put it on the ballot and raise your taxes with a simple majority vote.

Meanwhile, a federal court has ordered an audit of homelessness spending in the city of Los Angeles to see where all the money went.

**Don't fund this broken system. Demand real solutions. VOTE NO on MEASURE A.**

JON COUPAL  
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
Los Angeles County Supervisor (ret.)

JACK HUMPHREVILLE  
Budget Advocate

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Measure A **doubles the sales tax for homelessness** that was passed in 2017 and was supposed to be temporary. That was Measure H, and it is set to expire in 2027.

Measure A would not only prevent the tax from expiring, making it permanent, but it would also double the original Measure H tax increase of 0.25% to 0.5%, raising the sales tax in L.A. County even higher than it already is.

State law says local sales taxes cannot exceed 2.0% above the state sales tax rate of 7.25%, but L.A. County keeps asking the state legislature to make exceptions so the sales tax can be raised higher. It's already well over 10% in many places..plus inflation is raising prices!

And where are the results we were promised? Homelessness is worse than ever in L.A. County. **Even Governor Gavin Newsom criticized the County government for refusing to take the actions necessary to remove encampments** and provide available assistance to the people living in them. He said he would redirect state funding to other counties if he didn't see results.

Although Measure H was proposed by the County and needed a two-thirds vote to pass – as the state constitution requires – Measure A, which doubles and extends the same tax, is trying to squeeze through a court-created loophole that makes it easier to pass tax increases if they are proposed by a "citizens' initiative."

Measure A is a "citizens' initiative tax increase" that directs the revenue from the tax to benefit the very groups and organizations that paid for the signature collection and the campaign.

Don't be fooled. **Vote NO on Measure A** and demand a real plan from the County government to address homelessness without tax increases.

JON COUPAL  
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
Los Angeles County Supervisor (ret.)

JACK HUMPHREVILLE  
Budget Advocate



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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

**Vote YES on Measure A to bring new urgency, accountability, and necessary funding to move people off the streets and into housing and mental health and addiction treatment.**

Measure A was written by experts and put on the ballot by more than 390,000 citizens who want action NOW to make our neighborhoods safer and cleaner. Measure A is a new approach to reduce and prevent homelessness – one that immediately removes encampments and provides mental health and substance abuse treatment, so people move off the street and stay housed.

### FACTS about Measure A:

Measure A delivers change. It repeals and replaces the existing homelessness sales tax with urgency, oversight, and stronger accountability to make our neighborhoods safer and cleaner and to help people get the services and shelter they need.

If Measure A does not pass, experts estimate a 25% increase in homelessness due to loss of services and housing.

Measure A provides resources necessary to carry out the Governor's order to remove encampments – and programs that do not deliver results will have funding taken away.

### ACCOUNTABILITY measures written into Measure A:

Increase number of people moving from encampments into permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness.

Increase supply of homes that working families can afford and affordable housing units in Los Angeles County.

Reduce number of people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who experience homelessness.

Increase number of people permanently leaving homelessness.

Prevent people from falling into homelessness.

**Join firefighters, paramedics, law enforcement, and nurses who treat homeless patients and VOTE YES on Measure A.**

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## COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - MEASURE A HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX "MEASURE A"

This measure would establish a permanent half percent (0.5%) sales and use tax to reduce and prevent homelessness and provide affordable housing. This measure would repeal the one quarter percent (0.25%) sales and use tax enacted in 2017 that would otherwise expire in 2027. In accordance with the Elections Code, the scope of this fiscal impact statement is limited to the measure's effect on revenues and expenditures.

The net effect of this measure is to increase the sales and use tax rate by one-quarter percent (0.25%) on all taxable sales occurring in the County, and to make the increase permanent. Based on California Department of Tax and Fee Administration records for the period September 2023 through August 2024, the half percent (0.5%) sales and use tax is estimated to generate approximately \$1.076 billion in local government revenue in the first year. Local government expenditures are expected to increase by a similar amount as these new revenues are used for the purposes specified in the measure.

The measure allows for not more than one half percent (0.5%) of the gross tax amount collected (estimated to be approximately \$5 million in the first year) to be used for reasonable costs to collect and distribute the tax. Under the allocation plan specified in the measure, net local government revenues generated by the tax (estimated at approximately \$1.071 billion in the first year) must be apportioned for the following programs, as defined in the measure:

- 61.25% (approximately \$656 million in the first year) to the County for Comprehensive Homelessness Services, the Local Solutions Fund, Homelessness Solutions Innovations, and Accountability, Data, and Research;
- 35.75% (approximately \$383 million in the first year) to the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency for Affordable Housing and Prevention; and
- 3% (approximately \$32 million in the first year) to the Los Angeles County Development Authority for Local Housing Production.

The measure also allows the Board of Supervisors to change this apportionment beginning in Fiscal Year 2030-31. Of the 61.25% apportioned to the County, at least 15% must be used for the Local Solutions Fund which will be distributed to cities, councils of governments, and to the County on behalf of its unincorporated areas, via a formula based on the point-in-time count required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and/or similar measures of people experiencing homelessness, as the Board of Supervisors determines in consultation with cities within the County.

All the sales and use tax revenues will be restricted to and must be spent on the purposes specified in the measure. In addition to the costs to collect and distribute the tax which are accounted for in the measure, certain costs will be incurred to monitor compliance. However, those costs would be met by the increased revenue associated with the measure.

OSCAR VALDEZ  
County of Los Angeles  
Auditor-Controller



# Election Information

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You may obtain information about specific election services by calling toll free and selecting the option number shown for the service requested.

**(800) 815-2666**

**Option 1 Vote Center information**

**Option 2 Voter registration**

**Request a Sample Ballot**

**Request a Replacement Vote by Mail ballot**

**Option 3 Multilingual services**

**Sample Ballot translations**

**Option 4 Election Information**

**Option 5 Voter fraud/report illegal activity**

**Option 7 To become an Election Worker**

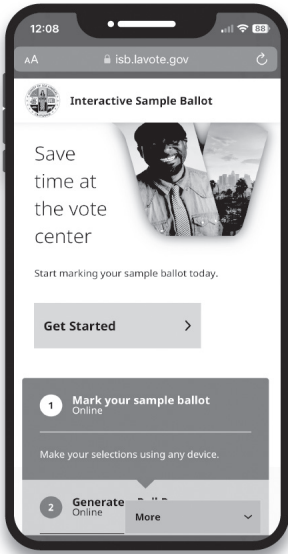
**Campaign Financial Disclosure: (562) 462-2339**

Campaign financial statement filing requirements for candidates, committees and office holders.

**TDD (Hearing Impaired): (562) 462-2259**



# Quick Check-in at a Vote Center



## Quick Tips to Speed Up In-Person Voting

- Use the Interactive Sample Ballot. Easily access and fill out your Sample Ballot online with your phone or computer and take your Poll Pass (QR Code) with you to the Vote Center. Access your Interactive Sample Ballot at **LAVOTE.GOV/ISB**
- Take the Quick Check-in Code on your Sample Ballot to any Vote Center. This allows the Election Workers to quickly find and print your official ballot. You can also access your Quick Check-in Code at **LAVOTE.GOV**

**Quick Check-in Code on the back cover!**

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**Take your Quick Check-In Code with you to any participating Vote Center in L.A. County**

**A separate Vote Center postcard listing the closest Vote Centers to your home will be mailed to you**

**VOTE CENTERS OPEN:**  
October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM – 7 PM  
Election Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>: 7 AM – 8 PM

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**To receive election materials in a language other than English, mark your preference below and drop this card in the mail.**

**Visit LAVOTE.GOV for the full list of Vote Center locations and voting resources**

**Please send me a ballot in the language I have checked below:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish (Español)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian (Русский )            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (中文)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer ( ភាសាខ្មែរ )           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean (한국어)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi (हिन्दी)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bengali ( বাংলা )             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog (Tagalog)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Burmese (မြန်မာစာ)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese (日本語)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thai (ภาษาไทย)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Gujarati (ગુજરાતી)            |
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