

LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

November 3, 2026 General Election

How to vote FOR — not against — your values



Best /
Strongest



Very Good



Acceptable



Vote only to
prevent worse



Not
Recommended

1. CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE OFFICES

Governor

Candidate	Party	Rating
Xavier Becerra	Democratic	★
Steve Hilton	Republican	★★★★

Lieutenant Governor

Candidate	Party	Rating
Fiona Ma	Democratic	★
Gloria Romero	Republican	★★★

Secretary of State

Candidate	Party	Rating
Donald P. (Don) Wagner	Republican	★★★★★
Shirley N. Weber	Democratic	★★

Controller

Candidate	Party	Rating
Malia M. Cohen	Democratic	★
Herb W. Morgan	Republican	★★★★

Treasurer

Candidate	Party	Rating
Jennifer Hawks	Republican	★★★★
Eleni Kounalakis	Democratic	★

Attorney General

Candidate	Party	Rating
Rob Bonta	Democratic	★
Michael E. Gates	Republican	★★★★★

Insurance Commissioner

Candidate	Party	Rating
Ben Allen	Democratic	★★
Jane Kim	Democratic	★

Supt. of Public Instruction

Candidate	Party	Rating
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Richard Barrera	Nonpartisan	★
Sonja Shaw	Nonpartisan	★★★★★

2. CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT — Yes / No Retention Vote (All 58 Counties)

Name	Rating	Retain?
Kelli M. Evans	★	NO
Joshua P. Groban	★★	NO

3. PROPOSITIONS

Proposition	Recommendation
Proposition 1	NO
Proposition 2	NO
Proposition 3	NO
Proposition 4	NO
Proposition 5	NO
Proposition 37	NO
Proposition 38	NO
Proposition 39	YES
Proposition 40	NO
Proposition 41	YES
Proposition 42	YES
Proposition 43	YES
Proposition 44	NO
Proposition 45	YES

4. COURT OF APPEAL — 2nd Appellate District — Yes / No Retention Vote

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Division 1		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Michelle C. Kim	★★	NO
Gregory J. Weingart	★★	NO

Division 2		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Anne Richardson	★	NO
Steve Goorvitch	★★	NO

Division 3		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Rashida A. Adams	★	NO
Mark Hanasono	★★	NO

Division 4

Name	Rating	Retain?
Helen Zukin	★	NO
Audra M. Mori	★★	NO
Nicholas Daum	★	NO
Armen Tamzarian	★★	NO

Division 5		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Brian M. Hoffstadt	★★★	YES

Division 6		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Tari L. Cody	★★★	YES
Kenneth R. Yegan	★★★★★	YES

Division 7		
Name	Rating	Retain?
Gonzalo C. Martinez	★	NO
Natalie Stone	★	NO

Division 8		
Name	Rating	Retain?
John Wiley	★★★	YES
Matthew A. Scherb	★★★	YES
Victor G. Viramontes	★	NO

5. SUPERIOR COURT — Vote for One Candidate in Each Race

Los Angeles County Superior Court

Office No. 64

Candidate Name	Rating
Maria Ghobadi	★★★
Rhonda Haymon	★

Office No. 65

Candidate Name	Rating
Justin Clayton	★
Anna Slotky Reitano	★

Office No. 87

Candidate Name	Rating
Anthony Bayne	★★
David DeJute	★★★★★

Office No. 131

Candidate Name	Rating
David Ross	★
Donna Tryfman	★★★

6. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

District 3

Candidate	Party	Rating
Mike Gipson	Democratic	★★
Samuel P. Sukaton	Democratic	★

7. U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 23

Candidate	Party	Rating
Tessa Lynn Hodge	Democratic	★
Jay Obernolte	Republican	★★★★

District 26

Candidate	Party	Rating
Jacqui Irwin	Democratic	★★
Sam Gallucci	Republican	★★★★★

District 27

Candidate	Party	Rating
George Whitesides	Democratic	★★
Jason Gibbs	Republican	★★★★

District 28

Candidate	Party	Rating
Judy Chu	Democratic	★
April A. Verlato	Republican	★★★★

District 29

Candidate	Party	Rating
Angélica María Dueñas	Democratic	★
Luz Maria Rivas	Democratic	★★

District 30

Candidate	Party	Rating
Laura Friedman	Democratic	★★
Scott Alan Meyers	Republican	★★★

District 31

Candidate	Party	Rating
Gil Cisneros	Democratic	★
Eric Ching	Republican	★★★★★

District 32

Candidate	Party	Rating
Brad Sherman	Democratic	★★

Larry Thompson	Republican	★★★★
District 34		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Jimmy Gomez	Democratic	★★
Angela Gonzales-Torres	Democratic	★
District 35		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Norma J. Torres	Democratic	★★
Mike Cargile	Republican	★★★★
District 36		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Ted W. Lieu	Democratic	★
Houston Brignano	Republican	★★★★
District 37		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Samantha Mota	Democratic	★★
Sydney Kamlager-Dove	Democratic	★
District 38		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Hilda Solis	Democratic	★★
Pedro Antonio Casas	Republican	★★★★★
District 41		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Linda Sánchez	Democratic	★★
Mitch Clemmons	Republican	★★★
District 42		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Robert Garcia	Democratic	★
Brian Burley	Republican	★★★
District 43		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Maxine Waters	Democratic	★
Cristian Morales	Republican	★★★★
District 44		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Nanette Diaz Barragan	Democratic	★★
Genevieve Angel	Republican	★★★

District 45		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Derek Tran	Democratic	★★
Chuong V. Vo	Republican	★★★★

8. CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

District 20		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Caroline Menjivar	Democratic	★★
Tony Rodriguez	Republican	★★★★

District 22		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Susan Rubio	Democratic	★★
Mike Netter	Republican	★★★★

District 24		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Brian Goldsmith	Democratic	★★
John M. Erickson	Democratic	★

District 26		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Sarah Rascón	Democratic	★
Sara Hernandez	Democratic	★★

District 28		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Lola Smallwood-Cuevas	Democratic	★
Joe Lisuzzo	Republican	★★★★

District 30		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Bob J. Archuleta	Democratic	★★
Araceli Martinez	Republican	★★★★

District 34		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Avelino Valencia	Democratic	★
Rhonda Shader	Republican	★★★★

District 36		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Chris Duncan	Democratic	★★
Tony Strickland	Republican	★★★★★

9. CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

District 34

Candidate	Party	Rating
Randall Putz	Democratic	★★
Charles Frederick Hughes	Republican	★★★★

District 39

Candidate	Party	Rating
Juan Carrillo	Democratic	★
Paul Andre Marsh	Republican	★★★

District 40

Candidate	Party	Rating
Pilar Schiavo	Democratic	★
Rickey Tracy Hayes II	Republican	★★★

District 41

Candidate	Party	Rating
John Harabedian	Democratic	★
Adam Christopher Vena	Republican	★★★★

District 42

Candidate	Party	Rating
Deborah Klein Lopez	Democratic	★
Ted Nordblum	Republican	★★★★

District 43

Candidate	Party	Rating
Celeste Rodriguez	Democratic	★
Ricardo Benitez	Republican	★★★★

District 44

Candidate	Party	Rating
Nicholas 'Nick' Schultz	Democratic	★★
Carolyn Daniels	Republican	★★★

District 46

Candidate	Party	Rating
Jesse Gabriel	Democratic	★★
Tracey Schroeder	Republican	★★★★

District 48

Candidate	Party	Rating
Blanca Rubio	Democratic	★
Dan T. Tran	Republican	★★★

District 49		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Mike Fong	Democratic	★
Long David Liu	Republican	★★★
District 51		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Rick Chavez Zbur	Democratic	★
Colin D. Hernandez	Democratic	★★
District 52		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Jessica Caloza	Democratic	★
Andrea Lee Anderson	Republican	★★★★★
District 53		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Michelle Rodriguez	Democratic	★★
Rafaela Romero	Republican	★★★★★
District 54		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Mark Gonzalez	Democratic	★★
Alexandra Briseno	Republican	★★★
District 55		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Isaac G. Bryan	Democratic	★
Ashley M. Brown	Democratic	★★
District 56		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Lisa Calderon	Democratic	★
Jessica Martinez	Republican	★★★★★
District 57		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Sade Elhawary	Democratic	★★
Constance Jewel Menzies	Republican	★★★★★
District 61		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Tina Simone McKinnor	Democratic	★★
Brian Lockwood	Republican	★★★
District 62		

Candidate	Party	Rating
José Luis Solache	Democratic	★★
Paul Irving Jones	Republican	★★★

District 64		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Blanca Pacheco	Democratic	★★
Raul Ortiz Jr.	Republican	★★★★

District 65		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Ayanna Davis	Democratic	★
Lydia A. Gutiérrez	Republican	★★★★★

District 66		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Sara Deen	Democratic	★
Paul Seo	Democratic	★★

District 67		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Mark Pulido	Democratic	★★
Paulo Morales	Republican	★★★

District 69		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Josh Lowenthal	Democratic	★★
Carolyn J. Essex	Democratic	★

10. LOS ANGELES CITY RACES

Mayor		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Nithya Raman	Nonpartisan	★
Karen Ruth Bass	Nonpartisan	★

City Attorney		
Candidate	Party	Rating
John McKinney	Nonpartisan	★★★★★
Marissa Roy	Nonpartisan	★

City Council — District 3		
Candidate	Party	Rating
Timothy K. Gaspar	Nonpartisan	★★★
Barri Worth Girvan	Nonpartisan	★

City Council — District 9

Candidate	Party	Rating
Estuardo Mazariegos	Nonpartisan	★
Jose Ugarte	Nonpartisan	★★

LA Community College District Board of Trustees — Seat 4

Candidate	Party	Rating
Elaine Alaniz	Nonpartisan	★★★★★

LA Community College District Board of Trustees — Seat 6

Candidate	Party	Rating
Tonia Arey	Nonpartisan	★★★★★

11. OTHER CITIES

Palos Verdes Peninsula

Candidate	Office	Rating
Peter Michel	Palos Verdes Library District	★★★★★
Jeremy Vanderhal	Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education	★★★★★
Liz Peterson	Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education	★★★
John Cruikshank	Rancho Palos Verdes City Council	★★★★★

Special Water District

Candidate	Office	Rating
Tim Zajic	West Basin Municipal Water District	★★★

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