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# Introduction

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| Hello!  Welcome to the ballot guide. I try to include as much information as possible without directly recreating the official ballot guide. The information is sourced from the official ballot guide, calmatters, Ballotpedia, LA Times, voter’s edge, and Mercury News. I have included sources links where appropriate.  I have done my best to keep my views out of it.  I started this to help my two aunts. They would ask me to simplify their ballots for them and since I was, in their words, “into politics.” Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but this isn’t an easy task. This ballot guide is meant to alleviate some of the burden.  If you notice any errors, you feel like I’ve missed something, or you’ve found this guide helpful, feel free to email me at [lizmuehlmann@gmail.com](mailto:lizmuehlmann@gmail.com).  If you’re looking for a different city, county, or state, additionally guides are available on my Github here: <https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election_Guides> or on my website here: <https://liz-muehlmann.github.io/pages/election_guides.html>  Helpful Resources:  1. Register to vote (Deadline October 24): <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>  2. Check your registration status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>  3. Access the official voter guide: <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>  4. Early voting & ballot drop off locations: <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>  5. Track your ballot: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>  6. If you are in the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange County area and need help getting to your polling place I will either find you resources or help you get there. I also offer to go with you to vote (and I will bring my two large German Shepherds) if you feel unsafe going to vote alone. |

# On the ballot

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| District Attorney  Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 39  Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 48  Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 97 | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 135  Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 137  County Measure G  County Measure A |

# County Level Offices

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| County level offices represent the interests and values of the county. |

## District Attorney

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| Job Description: Criminal prosecution and to investigate and prosecute crimes on behalf of the people. |

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| *Office* | District Attorney | |
| *Name* | George Gascon | Nathan Hochman |
| *Experience* | Army  District Attorney  Police Chief  Police Officer | Air Force  Assistant U.S. Attorney |
| *Education* | Cal State University – Long Beach (History)  Western State University College of Law | Brown University  Stanford University |
| *Supports* | * Ending mass incarceration * Safety and justice * Holding law enforcement accountable * End seeking the death penalty | * Work closely with law enforcement * Protect victims by allowing prosecutors to accompany victims at parole hearings * Re-invigorate drug and mental illness courts |
| *Endorsements* | SEIU, Unite Here, LA Progressive, LA Times, LA County Democratic Party, LA AFL-CIO, Progressive Democratic Club, John Legend, Jane Fonda, Stonewall Democratic Club | LA County Firefighters, LA Police Protective League, CA Fraternal Order of Police, Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Crime Survivors PAC |
| *Key Votes/*  *Notable Positions* | * Conviction Integrity Unit, that investigates convictions to make sure that the people in prison are guilty. It has exonerated 14 innocent people. * Resentencing Unit has resentenced people, often leading to release with a 0% recidivism rate * Increased prosecutions for Hate Crimes and Officer-Involved shootings | * Will establish “clear lines” for Palestinian protests where crossing those lines would lead to arrest * [Will approach criminal justice with a deterrence first approach](https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/nathan-hochman-rejects-george-gascons-extreme-policies-los-angeles-county-district-attorney/3529217/) |
| *Misc.* | Running as a democrat | Running as an independent |

## Judges

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| Judges are meant to be impartial. I’ve included as much information as possible. However, since judges can’t actively campaign on certain issues, the information is limited. Los Angeles County Bar Association rates lawyers on whether they’re qualified for the job. The rating process is intense, but it is run by a volunteer group of individuals unaffiliated with the state bar. It has been accused of bias. I’ve included the ratings next to the judges’ names. There are four categories: Exceptionally Well Qualified, Well Qualified, Qualified, Not Qualified. |

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| *Office* | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 39 | |
| *Name* | [Steve Napolitano (Qualified)](http://www.stevenapolitano.com/) | [George A. Turner Jr. (Qualified)](https://georgeaturner4judge.com/) |
| *Experience* | * Parole attorney | * Public defender |
| *Education* | Loyola Marymount | UCLA |
| *Plan* | * Fairly adjudicate cases * Increase legal aid * Tough, but fair * Wants the court system to have better technology and resources * Sees the biggest issue in the legal system as access. Rich people have more access * [Thinks there’s bias towards prosecutors and public defenders](https://easyreadernews.com/the-man-who-would-be-judge-steve-napolitano-leaves-the-city-council-dais-for-the-bench/) | * Wants to democratize the bench * Says that CA has built 23 prisons and only 3 colleges, wants to change that * Expand alternatives to incarceration * Decrease the number of people incarcerated * Modernize court proceedings |
| *Endorsements* | Los Angeles Times, LA Opinion, CA Voter’s Guide, Crime Survivors PAC | LA County Democratic Club, LA AFL-CIO, Stonewall Democratic Club, Working Family’s part, SEIU Local 721 |

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| *Office* | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 48 | |
| *Name* | [Ericka J. Wiley](http://wileyforjudge.com/) (Qualified) | [Renee Rose](https://www.reneeroseforjudge.com/) (Well Qualified) |
| *Experience* | Public Defender | Prosecutor |
| *Education* | Fisk University  University of Cincinnati | UC Santa Barbara  Southwestern Law School |
| *Plan* | * Every should have a fair opportunity to be heard * Focus on causes of criminal behavior including mental illness, homelessness, and drug addiction * Criminal justice reform * Ending mass incarceration | * Advocates for victims and the elderly * Rehabilitation * Incarceration for serios and violent offenders |
| *Endorsements* | LA County Democratic Party, SEIU Local 721, National Women’s Political Caucus | Crime survivors, Teamsters, Democratics for the Protection of Animals, Long Beach Police Officers Association |

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| *Office* | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 97 | |
| *Name* | [Sharon Ransom](https://sharonransomforjudge.com/) (Well Qualified) | [La Shae Henderson](https://www.lashae4judge.com/) (Qualified) |
| *Experience* | Deputy District Attorney | Criminal Defense Attorney |
| *Education* |  | Pepperdine  CSU Fullerton |
| *Plan* | * Unions and workers’ rights * Women’s equality * Civil rights | * Everyone should be treated with dignity * Removal of prejudice and bias in court proceedings * Equality and Justice |
| *Endorsements* | LA Times, Stonewall Democratic Club, IBEW Local Union 11, LA County Democratic Party, LA Times, IATSE | Ground Game LA, Feel the Bern LA County Democratic Club, LA DEFENSA |

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| *Office* | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 135 | |
| *Name* | Steven Yee Mac (Well Qualified) | Georgia Huerta (Well Qualified) |
| *Experience* | Army (JAG)  Deputy District Attorney | Deputy District Attorney |
| *Education* | UC Berkeley  UCLA Law |  |
| *Plan* |  |  |
| *Endorsements* | LA Times, Crime Survivors PAC, Teamsters, LA County Federation of Labor, Stonewall Democratic Club, We Are Union |  |
| *Misc* |  | In 2022, Huerta was a candidate for Judicial seat 118. She listed herself as a Deputy District Attorney but had left the role – and stopped practicing law – in 2021. She was legally allowed to list herself as a Deputy District Attorney, but some found it to be sketchy. Some have also noted that she usually uses her maiden name, Sullivan, but when campaigning she opts to use her married name, Huerta. |

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| *Office* | Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 137 | |
| *Name* | Tracey M. Blount (Well Qualified) | Luz E. Herrera (Qualified) |
| *Experience* |  |  |
| *Education* |  |  |
| *Plan* |  |  |
| *Endorsements* |  |  |

# State Measures

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| If approved, these measures will become law. Bonds are long-term financing. The state sells bonds to investors and then agrees to repay the money with interest. |

## County Measure G

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| OFFICIAL LANGUAGE | PLAIN ENGLISH |  |
| Shall the measure amending the Los Angeles County Charger to create an elected County Executive; create an independent Ethics Commission to increase restrictions on lobbying and investigate misconduct; establish and 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? |  | PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE YES |
| PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE NO  LA County Firefighters & Sheriffs, Community Coalition, LA County Supervisors Kathryn Barger & Holly Mitchell |
| MORE DETAILS | | |

## State Measure / Proposition 3

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| OFFICIAL LANGUAGE | PLAIN ENGLISH |  |
| To require accountability and results, create affordable housing, support home ownership, 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 ½ cent sales tax, raising approximately $1,076,076,350 annually until voters decide to end it, with new audits and oversight, be adopted? |  | PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE YES    Women’s & Children’s Crisis Shelter; Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, LA Family Housing |
| PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE NO  Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Miche Antonovich (Retired LA County Supervisor), Jack Humphreville. |
| MORE DETAILS | | |