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I. Introduction

Hello!

Welcome to the ballot guide. I try to include as much information as possible without directly recreating the ballot guide. The information is sourced from the ballotguide, calmatters, ballotpedia, LA Times, voter's edge, and Mercury News. I have included links to the campaign website or wherever most of the information came from.

I have done my best to keep my views out of it.

I started this to help my two aunts because they would ask me to simplify their ballots for them. Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but it's not always easy. This is meant to alleviate some of the burden.

If you notice any errors, you feel like I've missed something, or you found this guide helpful feel free to email me at lizmuehlmann@gmail.com.

If you're looking for a different city, county, or state additional 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.

II. On the ballot

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III. State Offices

Job description: Represent constituents at the state level, inform the public about important issues the senator’s constituent’s faces, and introduce legislation

State Senator, 22nd District

Includes: Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City and West Covina as well as the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights, Charter Oak, Citrus, East Pasadena, East San Gabriel, Mayflower Village, North El Monte, South Monrovia Island, South San Gabriel, South San Jose Hills, Valinda, Vincent and West Puente Valley.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
Susan Rubio	Democratic	State Senator/Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand eligibility for youth child tax credit • Mandatory kindergarten • Assist low-income households to become energy independent • Pause visitation if there’s signs of violence • Protect Women’s Rights • Urban Renewal • Environmental Protection • Serves on “Energy, Utilities, and Communications”, “Governmental Organization”, “Health”, and “Transportation Committee” • Insurance Committee Chair • Has accepted oil money • CA Environmental voter scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021: 41% • 2020: 93% • 2019: 62% • ACLU score: 69%
Vincent Tsai	Republican	Deputy Sheriff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical freedom – personal decision to vaccinate self/children • Ban any Chinese-US relationships • Pro-second amendment • Raise funding for police officers

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Member of the State Assembly, 41st District

Includes: Altadena, Claremont, East Pasadena, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Rancho Cucamonga, San Antonio Heights, Upland

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
Michael McMahon	Republican	Former Police Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-founded Medical Freedom Coalition • Extraordinary times require “common men and women... like the framers of the constitution intended, who are forced up to take up the mantle, to don the Armor of God, and fight off evil in this world for the betterment of all” • Massachusetts native • Officer of the Year • 5 time “Mother’s Against Drunk Driving Award” winner • Co-Founded the “anti-mandate coalition, RollCall4Freedom” to speak out “against the draconian and totalitarian measures” • Terminated from the police force for anti-mandate activities.
Chris Holden	Democratic	Assemblymember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job creation • Improve transportation • Preserve natural resources • Quality education for all • Duty to intervene [police officers must stop other officers when they use force] • Force training for police officers • Sectors that donated most (in order): Labor, Finance, Energy and Natural Resources, Health, Telecom, Govern Agencies, Business, Lawyers & Lobbyists

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US Representative, 31st District

Includes: Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, San Dimas, West Covina, Avocado Heights, Bassett, Valinda Altadena, Claremont, East Pasadena, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Rancho Cucamonga, San Antonio Heights, Upland

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
Grace F. Napolitano	Democratic	US Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect clean water • Increase mental health services • Secured \$412 million for revitalizing Whittier Narrows • Co-sponsor Medicare for All bill • Supported DA George Gascon against recall efforts
Daniel Bocic Martinez	Republican	Attorney/Entrepreneur/Educator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the bullet train • Change federal tax codes to make it easier to build homes • End the Ukraine conflict • No citizenship for undocumented individuals • Institute open primaries, rank choice voting, and voter ID laws • Fast track FDA trials to prevent veteran suicides • NGOs and community groups need to be empowered to help people with mental health

IV. County Offices

County Sheriff

Includes: A sheriff is responsible for law enforcement on a county level, ensuring that all local, state, and federal laws are followed. He or she performs a role similar to that of a police chief in a municipal department, managing a department in charge of protecting people and property and maintaining order. The sheriff usually has jurisdiction over any unincorporated areas of his or her county, while a police chief is in charge of areas within town or city limits.

[\[source\]](#)

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
Robert Luna	Long Beach Police Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Violent Crime & Property Crime • Address Homelessness • Restore Public Trust • Long-term solutions to end crime • Neighborhood Walks • Long term solutions for homelessness • Increase transparency and accountability • Re-examine force procedures • Eradicate intra-departmental gangs.
Alex Villanueva	Sheriff, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body cams • Ban deputy gangs • Increase departmental diversity • Banned ICE transfers • Duty to report and cooperate with incidents of excessive force • Conducted raids on political rivals • Has a “my way or the highway” approach to problems

V. Judicial Candidates

California has 58 trial courts, one in each county. In trial (superior) courts, a judge and sometimes a jury hears witnesses' testimony and other evidence and decides cases by applying the relevant law to the relevant facts. The California courts serve the state's population of more than 39 million people. [\[source\]](#)

Judge of the Superior Court [\[office number 60\]](#)

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Anna Slotky Reitano	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Values • Dignity • Respect on the bench • Protect Constitutional rights • Reduce mass incarceration • Former actress (Sister, Sister, 3rd Rock from the Sun) • UC Davis Law • On the “Defenders of Justice” slate – a group of four progressive women running for judge seats
Abby Baron	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice • Advocacy • Fairness • More interested in justice than convictions • Rated “well qualified” but the LA county bar • Endorsed by Daily Breeze & LA Times • Currently prosecutes child molesters • Volunteers with Legal Enrichment and Decision Making (LEAD) and Crime Survivors)

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Judge of the Superior Court [office number 67]

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End mass incarceration • Dignity • Equality • Compassion • Criminal Justice Reform • Restorative Justice • Robust Reentry Programs • Endorsed by the LA County Democratic Party, National Women's Political Caucus, Stonewall Democratic Club, Congresswomen Judy Chu • Chosen to lead her offices Racial Justice Act unit • On the “Defenders of Justice” slate – a group of four progressive women running for judge seats
Fernanda Maria Barreto	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice for all • Endorsed by the LA Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribute, AFSCME, Alhambra Democratic Club, Burbank Police Officers Association • Rated “well qualified” by the LA county bar • Worked in criminal court for 15 years

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Judge of the Superior Court [office number 70]

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Holly L. Hancock	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following current law • Dignity for all • Integrity • Diversity • Endorsed by the LA Democratic Party, National Women’s Political Caucus, LA Times • On the “Defenders of Justice” slate – a group of four progressive women running for judge seats
Renee Yolande Chang	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the constitutional rights of all • Apply the law equally and fairly to all • On the Long Beach Bar Association Board • Endorsed by CA Senator Lena Gonzalez and Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell

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Judge of the Superior Court [office number 90]

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Leslie Gutierrez	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrity • Fair and impartial • Justice for all • Safe & respectful environment • Apply the law in a commonsense manner • Southwestern Law School • Endorsed by 11 police unions, including the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs and LA Police Protective League
Melissa Lyons	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed by the LA Times, National Women’s Political Caucus, Local 721, Stonewall Democratic Club • Northwestern University (undergrad) • Loyola University (law school) • Former district attorney for sex crimes against children, Deputy in charge of Compton Juvenile Division • Winner of the Michael P. Noyes Humanitarian Award (given to an employee that donates significant time, physical, financial and/or emotional support to help another person or community. • Coaches the Loyola Law School Trial Advocacy Team. • Endorsed by Democratic Party clubs and labor

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Judge of the Superior Court [office number 118]

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Melissa Hammond	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed by several police unions • Endorsed by LA County Supervisor Hahn • Rated “Well-Qualified” by LA County Bar • Endorsed by LA Times • UCLA Law Graduate
Carolyn “Jiyoung” Park	Attorney at Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common sense laws • Judges who apply the law fairly • Endorsed by California National Organization for Women, Unite Here Local 11, SEIU Local 1000, Ground Game Los Angeles • former union staff attorney who has litigated civil rights, labor, and tenant cases, and represented union members in arbitrations and collective bargaining

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Judge of the Superior Court [office number 151]

Job Description: Superior Court Judges oversee trials across Los Angeles County. The trials cover everything from state and local laws, family law, contract disputes, thefts, felony murder, probate, and small claims. They act as a referee and serve six-year terms.

NOTE: Judicial candidates rarely state their positions because they are meant to be impartial. The notable positions section is what I could glean from various sources about the type of judge they will be.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Information
Patrick Hare	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair application of the law • Compassion in judging • Cares “deeply about justice issues – particularly the systemic issues of race, class and gender” • LA Times, San Gabriel Valley tribune, LA Democratic Party, Stonewall Democratic Club • Restorative justice.
Karen A. Brako	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney for 30 years • Equitable justice • Integrity, compassion, and empathy • Public safety, common sense approach to alternative sentencing • Transparent and equitable justice • Increase diversity in the LA County Superior Court

VI. County Measures

County Measure A

Official Language	Plain English	
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT – PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO REMOVE AN ELECTED SHERIFF FOR CAUSE. Shall the measure amending the county of Los Angeles Charter to grant the Board of Supervisors authority to remove an elected Sheriff from office for cause, including a violation of law related to a Sherrif’s duties, flagrant or repeated neglect of duties, misappropriation of funds, willful falsification of documents, or obstructing an investigation, by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors, after written notice and an opportunity to be heard, be adopted.</p>	<p>VOTE YES: if you want the Board of Supervisors to have the power to remove a Sheriff if the Sheriff is bad at their job.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-fifths Supervisors must agree to removal • Sheriff gets written notice & a chance to make their case before removal 	<p>PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl • County Supervisor Holly Mitchell • County Supervisor Hilda Solis • LA Times <p>REASONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater oversight and transparency over Sheriffs
	<p>VOTE NO: if you don’t want the Board of Supervisors to have this power.</p>	<p>PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Supervisor Kathryn Barger • Sheriff Alex Villanueva <p>REASONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes the power away from the public by avoiding existing recall procedures • “for cause” is to broadly defined
<p>MORE DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters already have the power to oust a bad sheriff, but in between elections sheriffs aren’t subject to much accountability. • This measure (if it passes) will give the Board of Supervisors the power to remove a Sheriff from office <p>The Sheriff can only be removed for cause (bad at their job, misappropriating funds, obstructing investigations)</p>		

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County Measure C

Official Language	Plain English	
<p>Los Angeles County Cannabis Business Tax Measure. Shall the measure enacting tax in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County on cannabis businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10 per square foot for cultivation (adjusted for inflation) and a percentage of gross receipts for various cannabis business, including retail (6 percent), testing laboratory (2 percent), distribution (3 percent), manufacturing and for all other cannabis businesses (4 percent), generating approximately \$10,360,000 to \$15, 170,000 annually, until ended by voters, be adopted?</p>	<p>VOTE YES: if you want a tax on cannabis in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money would go into the LA County General Fund and to cannabis equity fund (equal access to opportunities in the cannabis industry) • Initial rate of \$7 per square foot of cultivation • 4% tax on gross receipts on retail • 3% tax rate on distribution revenue 	<p>PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Times <p>REASONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces black market and the accompanying violence and theft
	<p>VOTE NO: if you do not want to tax cannabis in unincorporated areas of LA</p>	<p>PEOPLE THAT WANT YOU TO VOTE NO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knock LA <p>REASONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's imposing taxes before it's legal • May give the Sheriff's department reason to "crack down" on illegal growers for photo ops.
<p>MORE DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of unincorporated in Los Angeles County can be found here. • CA legalized recreational cannabis in 2016 but left how to legalize it and tax it up to the localities. • Recreational cannabis is currently illegal in the unincorporated areas of LA County, if this measure passes, the Board of Supervisors would still have to vote to legalize it. • According to LA County these rates are low and are meant to help them monitor community impact and how to best regulate cannabis which should start in 2023 		