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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. They would ask me to tell them about ballots and candidates, so I made them a guide. Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but it's not always easy. This is meant to alleviate some of the burden to make voting easier. Hopefully this guide helps.

If you notice any errors or feel like I've missed something, you can email me at [lizmuehlmann@gmail.com](mailto:lizmuehlmann@gmail.com).

### Helpful Resources:

1. Register to vote (Deadline May 23): <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. Who's on the ballot?

Below is a list of the offices included in this guide. Additional guides can be found here: [https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election\\_Guides](https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election_Guides). If you can't find the guide for your city, town, or district feel free to email with your information and I'll create one for you.

Sheriff	Judge of the Superior Court (No. 70)
Assessor	Judge of the Superior Court (No. 90)
Judge of the Superior Court (No. 3)	Judge of the Superior Court (No. 116)
Judge of the Superior Court (No. 60)	Judge of the Superior Court (No. 151)
Judge of the Superior Court (No. 67)	Judge of the Superior Court (No. 156)

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### III. County Sheriff

Job description: Los Angeles is the largest sheriff's department in the United States. The Sheriff's Department polices unincorporated county areas, parks, public venues and facilities, inmate transfers, supervising county jails, metro services, county courthouses, 10 community colleges, and 42 out of 88 municipalities.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
<a href="#">Karla Yesenia Carranza</a>	LA Sheriff Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero tolerance for inter-police gangs or groups</li> <li>• Increase women in the department</li> <li>• Stay inside LA jurisdiction (stop clearing Venice homeless encampments)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Cecil Rhambo</a>	LAX Police Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up LA Sheriff's office</li> <li>• Collaborate with the Board of Supervisors</li> <li>• Expand mental health services</li> <li>• Decertify cops that are convicted of misconduct</li> <li>• Allow for greater oversight</li> <li>• Close the central jail</li> <li>• Educate more, incarcerate less</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Matt Rodriguez</a>	Retired Sheriff's Captain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Lives Matter</li> <li>• Pro second amendment</li> <li>• Recall Gascon</li> <li>• Work with faith-based organizations to reduce homelessness</li> <li>• Constitutional right to concealed carry</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Robert Luna</a>	Long Beach Police Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Violent Crime &amp; Property Crime</li> <li>• Address Homelessness</li> <li>• Restore Public Trust</li> <li>• Long-term solutions to end crime</li> <li>• Neighborhood Walks</li> <li>• Long term solutions for homelessness</li> <li>• Increase transparency and accountability</li> <li>• Re-examine force procedures</li> <li>• Eradicate intra-departmental gangs.</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">Eli Vera</a>	Law Enforcement Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce violent crime</li> <li>• Gang and drug reduction</li> <li>• Work with civilian Oversight</li> <li>• Depoliticize the department</li> <li>• Get more funding</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Alex Villanueva</a>	Sheriff, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body cams</li> <li>• Ban deputy gangs</li> <li>• Increase departmental diversity</li> <li>• Banned ICE transfers</li> <li>• Duty to report and cooperate with incidents of excessive force</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April Saucedo Hood</a>	Parole Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with the Board of Supervisors, Office of the Inspector General</li> <li>• Outside oversight</li> <li>• Increase transparency</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Eric Strong</a>	Sheriff Lieutenant / Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not support building a new Men's jail</li> <li>• Alternates to incarceration</li> <li>• Divert people to support rather than incarceration</li> <li>• Attend Citizens Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Extend mental health training to cops</li> <li>• Co-responder model</li> <li>• Neighborhood-specific crime reduction and community affairs</li> <li>• Require cultural competency of deputies</li> <li>• Make LASD policies transparent</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Britta S. Steinbrenner</a>	Sheriff's Captain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Policing</li> <li>• Increase deputy involvement</li> <li>• Create relationships with the media</li> <li>• No deputy gangs</li> <li>• Jail Reform</li> <li>• Modernize the operations center</li> </ul>

#### IV. County Assessor

Job description: The county assessor locates and identifies the ownership of all taxable property in the County and establishes a taxable value for all property subject to property taxation. Property taxes make up 21% of LA County’s overall budget which funds libraries, social workers, and parks.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other information
<a href="#">Anthony Lopez</a>	Deputy Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernize the current assessor’s system and hardware</li> <li>• Streamline the assessor’s website</li> <li>• Make the assessor forms easier to understand</li> <li>• Increase inter-agency cooperation</li> <li>• Improve hiring, promotions, and retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has worked as a deputy assessor for 8 years</li> <li>• Born &amp; Raised in East San Fernando Valley</li> <li>• MPA (2020)</li> <li>• Wants to prevent political donations from influencing property valuations</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Sandy Sun</a>	Los Angeles County Deputy Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinstate “deputy” designation for assessor employees</li> <li>• Ramp up hiring and training</li> <li>• Increase property tax savings, raise homeowner’s exemption from \$7,000 to \$50,000</li> <li>• Initiate or support legislation to allow property exemption for disabled and active-duty military up to \$500,000</li> <li>• Reopen Culver City office</li> <li>• Full transparency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS in Business Admin</li> <li>• Has worked as a deputy assessor for 22 years</li> <li>• Former union board member</li> <li>• Union contract negotiator</li>   <li>• Raising the property tax to \$50,000 would potentially reduce property taxes by about \$300 and \$5,000 for military</li> </ul>

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Name	Job (if known)	• Notable Positions	• Other information
<a href="#">Jeffrey Prang</a>	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started upgrading the computer system and digitizing records</li> <li>• Tackled the backlog of assessment appeals</li> <li>• Initiated \$45 filing fee to reduce meritless appeals</li> <li>• Training and recruiting new assessors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed by the Los Angeles Times</li> <li>• Has a whistleblower lawsuit against him pending in court. The lawsuit says that Prang gave favorable treatment to property owners with connections to elected officials.</li> <li>• Has <a href="#">received donations</a> from Councilmember Agajanian in Glendale, the Amalgamated Transit Union, Developer Astani Enterprises, CCA foods, Blain &amp; Associates, RLB Architecture</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Mike Cambell</a>	Deputy Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wants to keep Prop 13 (which caps how much property taxes can increase each year)</li> <li>• Wants to create a separate accountability office to prevent campaign donors won't receive special treatment</li> <li>• Ensure all property owners are treated equally</li> <li>• Provide educational workshops and tutorials to help the public fill out assessor forms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Assessor for 12 years</li> </ul>

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## V. Superior Court Judges

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.*

### a. Office No. 3

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other information
Sherilyn Peace Garnett	Superior Court Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide cases fairly</li> <li>• Increase access to the court for all people</li> <li>• Reduce backlog caused by Covid-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went to UCR (BA) Harvard Law</li> <li>• Appointed by Jerry Brown to CA Superior Court Nominated by Joe Biden to serve as a US District Judge, confirmed by the Senate. Currently awaiting her judicial commission (She will have to vacate this seat when she’s given a federal commission)</li> <li>• American Bar Association rates her “well qualified”</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Tim Reuben</a>	Attorney (business litigation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expedite the process</li> <li>• Reduce costs through efficiency</li> <li>• Encourage informal resolutions between party (encourage parties to settle cases outside of court)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvard Law</li> <li>• Has practiced law for 40 years</li> <li>• Judicial philosophy: “Know the law and carefully review and weigh the evidence and facts to come to a judgment. Then as a final thought, decide if that judgment is both fair and just.”</li> <li>• Endorsed by <a href="#">MetNews</a> &amp; <a href="#">Daily Breeze</a></li> <li>• American Bar Association rates him “well qualified”</li> </ul>
Frank Amador	Attorney (bankruptcy)	No information available	

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Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other information
<a href="#">Mark Rosenfeld</a>	Attorney (DUI & Criminal Defense)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide cases impartiality</li> <li>• Respect for people in and out of the court</li> <li>• Not engage in political or campaign activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practicing for 20 years</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Abby Baron</a>	Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Fairness</li> <li>• More interested in justice than convictions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rated “well qualified” but the LA county bar</li> <li>• Endorsed by Daily Breeze &amp; LA Times</li> <li>• Currently prosecutes child molesters</li> <li>• Volunteers with Legal Enrichment and Decision Making (LEAD) and Crime Survivors)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Troy Slaten</a>	Administrative Law Judge, CA Department of Industrial Relations	Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Jail Overcrowding</li> <li>• Legal Access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former child star (Cagney &amp; Lacey)</li> <li>• Supports alternative sentencing for women with children who are convicted of felonies</li> <li>• Supports working with organizations providing treatment instead of incarceration</li> <li>• Endorsed by Unions, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement</li> </ul>

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<a href="#"><u>Sharon Ransom</u></a>	Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passionate</li> <li>• Advocate for vulnerable victims</li> <li>• Just</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rated “well qualified” by LA County Bar</li> <li>• Endorsed by Martin Luther King Democratic Club, National Women’s Political Caucus, Stonewall Democratic Club, Mexican Bar Association.</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Anna Slotky Reitano</u></a>	Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Values</li> <li>• Dignity</li> <li>• Respect on the bench</li> <li>• Protect Constitutional rights</li> <li>• Reduce mass incarceration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former actress (Sister, Sister, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock from the Sun)</li> <li>• UC Davis Law</li> </ul>

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**c. Office No. 67**

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other information
<a href="#">Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes</a>	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End mass incarceration</li> <li>• Dignity</li> <li>• Equality</li> <li>• Compassion</li> <li>• Criminal Justice Reform</li> <li>• Restorative Justice</li> <li>• Robust Reentry Programs</li> </ul>	Endorsed by the LA County Democratic Party, National Women's Political Caucus, Stonewall Democratic Club, Congresswomen Judy Chu
<a href="#">Fernanda Maria Barreto</a>	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice for all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed by the LA Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribute, AFSCME, Alhambra Democratic Club, Burbank Police Officers Association</li> <li>• Rated “well qualified” by the LA county bar</li> <li>• Worked in criminal court for 15 years</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Ryan Dibble</a>	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone has a right to be heard, even if the outcome isn't what they wanted</li> <li>• Listen</li> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Dignity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed by Metropolitan News Enterprise, Crime Survivors, LA County PPOA, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Long Beach Police Officers Association</li> </ul>

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**d. Office No. 70**

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other information
<a href="#">Matthew Vodnoy</a>	Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring humanity back to the courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rated “Qualified” by the LA County Bar</li> <li>• Endorsed by IATSE, SEIU, and LA County Labor Federation</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Eric Alfonso Torices</a>	Attorney / Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectivity</li> <li>• Integrity</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Holly L. Hancock</a>	Deputy Public Defender, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following current law</li> <li>• Dignity for all</li> <li>• Integrity</li> <li>• Diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed by the LA Democratic Party, National Women’s Political Caucus, LA Times</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Renee Yolande Chang</a>	Deputy District Attorney, LA County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the constitutional rights of all</li> <li>• Apply the law equally and fairly to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduated Berkeley and Columbia Law</li> <li>• Endorsed by the Daily Breeze</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Randy Fudge</a>	Assistant City Prosecutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaches other attorneys to enforce the law in an ethical, fair, and just manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the Long Beach Bar Association Board</li> <li>• Endorsed by CA Senator Lena Gonzalez and Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell</li> </ul>