



Ballot Guide: California November 2020

The district you live in differs for the state senate, assembly, & house! Check yours [HERE](#)

House of Representatives



Angelica Duenas
District 29

- Signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge
- Supports the Green New Deal and progressive healthcare & immigration reform
- Endorsed by numerous organizations, including Sunrise Movement LA
- Her opponent Tony Cardenas boasts some STEM-related education bills & notable endorsements, but has wavered on the environment & has ties to the fossil fuel industry



Ted Lieu
District 33

- Long record of supporting environment & climate science (AB32, HR2), veteran health (HR3484), & healthcare (HR1628)
- Endorsed by Equality CA, Courage CA, the Sierra Club, CA Labor Federation



David Kim
District 34

- Lawyer; worked in DA's office
- Prioritizes environmental safeties, healthcare, criminal justice reform, combating systemic racism, a focus on rehabilitation & investment in community resources
- Endorsed by Our Revolution LA, Sunrise Movement LA, CA Progressive Alliance, Andrew Yang. & more



Karen Bass
District 37

- Long record of supporting the health & livelihood of women (HR7718, HR36, HR 1585) and civil (HR7120) & climate (HR7092, HR5986) justice

State Senate

40 members

4-year terms with half the seats up for election every 2 years



Henry Stern
District 27

- Supports climate & environmental health (SB1320, AB975), health care (AB824, SB159), and sexual (SB820) & racial (AB3121) justice
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, CA Teachers Ass'n, United Farm workers, United Domestic workers
- 100% rating from the Planned Parenthood affiliates of CA



Steven Bradford
District 35

- Strong record for criminal, racial, & environmental justice (AB3121, SB6767)
- High ratings from Sierra Club & CA Environmental Justice Alliance

Senate + Assembly = State Legislature

State Assembly

80 members

2-year terms with all seats up for election every 2 years



Adrin Nazarian
District 46

- Supports environmental protections (AB1080), reproductive rights (AB569), health care access (AB824), criminal justice reform (AB901)
- Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, CA Teachers Association, Sierra Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, Equality CA, CA League of Conservation Voters



Reggie Jones-Sawyer
District 59

- Long record of criminal justice reform - i.e., reduced minimum mandatory sentencing (AB484, AB2492); increased trauma-informed youth diversion programs (AB1454) & police accountability (SB1421)
- Supports healthcare & the environment (SB100, AB617)
- 100% rating from Sierra Club
- His opponent has received endorsements only from an organization opposing policing reforms
- Endorsed by unions, environmental & immigration orgs, state & local leaders

Can serve a total of 12 years in the both branches total



Richard Bloom
District 50

- Supports environmental protection (AB3214, AB3030), health care (AB824), & social justice (AB767, AB3121)
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club, CA Federation of Teachers, United Domestic Workers, Stonewall Democratic Club
- His opponent Will Hess has publicly declared doubts that systemic racism exists



Fatima Iqbal Zubair
District 64

- Supports environmental justice (AB345, AB3030)
- Signed the no-fossil fuel money pledge, while her opponent has taken > \$70,000 between 2014 & 2016 from fossil fuel companies
- Outlines detailed data-backed plans & research articles that have informed her views on criminal justice reform, healthcare, police brutality, the environment, & education



Godfrey Santos Plata
District 53

- Public school teacher
- Supports environmental protections, took the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"
- Focus on criminal justice reform, community investment, healthcare, systemic racism, xenophobia, gender injustice, transphobia, & homophobia
- Endorsed by Sunrise Movement LA, Our Revolution LA, Ground Game LA, Run for Something



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
District 54

- Supports environmental protections (AB1080, AB3030, SB 100), the ACA, evidence-based addiction policy (AB362), & criminal justice reform (ACA6, AB1215)
- Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, CA Teachers Association



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6-year terms & can be reelected

47 courthouses

Los Angeles Superior Court

If not filled by the governor within a specified time frame, voters decide



Myanna Dellinger
Superior Court Judge
Office 72

- Fulbright Scholar for Climate Change Law and Policy
- Endorsed by Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Public Defenders union, Sierra Club, East River, and Stonewall Young Democrats



Klint James McKay
Superior Court Judge, Office 80

- Administrative Law Judge at Affordable Care Act Bureau, CA Dept of Social Services
- Has served on the board of a nonprofit that works with special-needs children
- Endorsed by the LA Progressive Majority Voter Guide & the Service Employees International Union



Scott Yang
Superior Court Judge
Office 162

- Deputy DA of Sex Crimes - Division where he emphasizes victim advocacy and integrity and leads Victim Advocacy trainings
- Endorsed by 32 sitting superior court judges, The Daily Bruin, and Metropolitan News-Enterprise

Governing body of the city



Nithya Raman
City Council District 4

- Impressive record of using data & research to inform policy through her work as founder of Transparent Chennai
- Detailed policy pages on the environment, housing, & immigration
- Her opponent David Ryu recently voted to relax pollution reduction requirements & has opposed sustainable infrastructure
- Endorsed by LA Public Defenders Union, LA League of Conservation Voters

15 members, 4-year terms

City Council

Adopts/modifies the county budget, authorizes public improvement projects, addresses homelessness



Grace Yoo
City Council District 10

- Attorney at LA County's Children's Law Center; worked in CA State Treasurer's Office; co-founded Environmental Justice Collaborative
- Doesn't take donations from fossil fuel industry
- Data-backed plans to approach climate change & police brutality
- Endorsed by United Teachers LA & the National Women's Political Caucus

General oversight of the LA Unified School District

Sets spending priorities; approves budgets, textbooks, & school materials; sets school openings & closures

Board of Education

5.5-year terms



Scott Schmerelson
Board of Education District 3

- Past President of the Association of California School Administrators
- Outspoken support of teachers on strike
- Goals for reducing emissions & food waste
- Endorsed by the United Teachers LA & the LA Times



Patricia Castellanos
Board of Education District 7

- Supports smaller class sizes, increased nurses & counselors, biliteracy education
- Strong environmental advocacy in LA's harbors
- Endorsed by United Farm Workers of America, United Teachers LA, Sen Bernie Sanders

Sets the tone of the office, what types of crimes to go after, who to prosecute, bail & sentencing choices

Governing body of the county

Deals w/mental health services, homelessness, diversion from the criminal justice system, policing, environment, city budget

Board of Supervisors

4-year terms



Holly Mitchell
County Supervisor District 2

- State senator for 30th district
- Strong record of working to decrease juvenile incarceration and improve child & adolescent (SB 188, SB 23) and maternal & infant health for Black Californians (SB 464, SB 1237, AB 732)
- Authored or co-authored half of the bills in the 2017-18 "Equity and Justice" legislative package (SB 439, SB 1391, SB 190, SB 394, SB 395)

4-year terms

District Attorney



George Gascon
District Attorney

- Emphasizes science, public health, & racial justice
- Brought data collection & transparency when DA of San Francisco
- Reduced certain nonviolent felonies to misdemeanors (Prop 47), expunged > 9,000 marijuana convictions under Prop 64, prohibited the prosecution of commercial sex workers when reporting violence or sexual exploitation
- Prosecuted corporate polluters (i.e. oil spills, illegal dumping of hazardous & medical waste)

Endorsed by SPG at UCLA



Ballot Measures California, November 2020

Citizens can introduce changes to the state constitution by getting signatures (petitioning) for a ballot measure



Measure:

This law would:

Suggestion:



State measures appear on the ballot as "Proposition [number]"

Prop 14: Stem Cell Research

Authorize \$5.5 billion to fund stem cell research by renewing the CA Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) for ~10 yrs

YES



Did you know?

Only 24 states allow citizens to introduce ballot measures

Prop 16: Affirmative Action

Repeal Proposition 209 (1996) that banned preferential treatment by institutions in public education, employment, & contracting based on race, ethnicity or sex

YES

Prop 17: Voting Rights & Parole

Grant ~50,000 returning citizens the right to vote while on parole for a felony conviction (20 other states have already implemented such a measure)

YES

Prop 18: Primary Voting for 17 Year Olds

Expand voting rights for CA-resident citizens who are 17 y.o. and will be 18 by the next general election to vote (18 other states already allow under-18 primary voting)

YES

Prop 19: Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions, Revenue for Wildfire Agencies

Create property tax breaks for homeowners who relocate & are either A) 55+ years old, B) disabled, C) moving because they lost their home in a wildfire

YES

Prop 20: Criminal Sentencing, Parole, DNA Collection

Repeal a series of criminal justice reforms over the past 10 years (ex: decrease chances for parole for nonviolent crimes, change several non-serious/violent crimes from misdemeanors)

NO

Prop 23: Dialysis Clinics

Increase physician requirements for dialysis clinics (ex: reporting data to health departments, requiring physicians be on-site)

NO

Why? Regulations would force clinics in low-income communities to close, drive up prices, etc.

Prop 25: Cash Bail

County-wide appear on the ballot as "Measure [letter]"

Eliminate cash bail and shift to risk-assessment tools to help judges determine pretrial release

NO

Why? Risk assessment algorithms are inaccurate & racially/ socioeconomically biased. Read our [policy memo](#) for more details!



Measure J: Budget Allocation & Alternatives to Incarceration

Mandate that at least 10% of LA County's general funds be appropriated to community programs and alternatives to incarceration (i.e., health services, pretrial non-custody services)

YES

Remember to CHECK your voter registration!

