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LOS ANGELES PRIMARY ELECTION **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013**

Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM

IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 4:** 1st day to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot.
- February 19:** Last day to register to vote.
- March 1:** Recommended last day to mail a Vote-By-Mail ballot.
- March 5: ELECTION DAY**

WHAT IS THE ELECTION ABOUT?

Voters will be voting:

- For MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, CONTROLLER, and Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees
- FOR or AGAINST a) a sales tax; and b) a pension plan option for some police officers
- Some voters will also vote for City Council candidates and Members of the Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). To see who you will be voting for, check your sample ballot, or go to www.smartvoter.org.

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If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for office, there will be a runoff election between the top two candidates on May 21, 2013.

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Los Angeles Mayor

Chief Executive of the City of Los Angeles

The following question was asked of the candidates for Mayor:

What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Mayor, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Jan Perry</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles City Councilwoman</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.janperry.com</p>	<p>Currently serving 3rd term as Los Angeles City Councilwoman; Worked in public service since 1990; 14 years in the private sector; BA Journalism USC; MA Public Policy USC.</p>
<p>Emanuel Alberto Pleitez</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Technology Company Executive</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.pleitezforla.com</p>	<p>Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team; Special Assistant to Paul Volcker and the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board (PERAB); Chair of the Salvadoran American Leadership and Education Fund; Chair of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation; Founder of INSPIRA (webseries).</p>
<p>Eric Garcetti</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles City Councilmember</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.ericgarcetti.com</p>	<p>Los Angeles City Council President, 2006- 2012; Lieutenant, United States Navy Reserve, 2005-present; Assistant Professor, Occidental College, 1998-2001; Visiting Professor, University of Southern California, 1997-1999; Chair, Democratic Municipal Officials, 2008-present; Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University.</p>
<p>Wendy J. Greuel</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles City Controller</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.wendygreuel.org</p>	<p>Graduate of LAUSD's Kennedy High School; UCLA Graduate; Former Aide to Mayor Tom Bradley; Former So. California Field Operations Officer, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development under President Clinton; Former Executive, DreamWorks Studios.</p>
<p>Kevin James</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Radio Broadcaster/ Attorney</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.kevinjamesformayor.com</p>	<p>Former Federal Prosecutor; Former Co-Chairman of AIDS Project Los Angeles; Degree in Accounting from Oklahoma University; Law Degree from University of Houston; Received the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.</p>
<p>Norton Sandler</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>No photograph provided.</p> </div>	<p>OCCUPATION: Factory Production Worker</p> <p>WEBSITE: None.</p>	<p>Socialist Workers Party: working-class labor socialist alternative; Long time union member, employed as electrical assembler; Organized solidarity for labor battles for four decades including recent Wal-Mart Black Friday, Longshore struggles; Joined actions against cop brutality and killing of Trayvon Martin.</p>

I'm running for Mayor to set the table of opportunity for all Angelenos through job creation and economic development. As Mayor I will rebuild and revitalize LA as I have with Downtown, the economic and cultural epicenter of the region.


The biggest issue facing our city is the lack of innovation and responsiveness. City Hall needs to be responsive to the needs of the people.

No response.

I'm running for Mayor to rebuild our economy and create jobs. Stopping the cycle of crisis, layoffs and cuts means making LA more business friendly, bringing Hollywood home, adding job training programs, and cracking down on waste at City Hall.

The most important issue is avoiding bankruptcy. In order to avoid bankruptcy, we must implement real pension reform and make Los Angeles a business-friendly city. I am the only candidate with the necessary independence required to obtain these reforms.

The jobs crisis. It will never be solved under capitalism. Working people must organize and mobilize to take political power out of the hands of the ruling rich and establish a workers and farmers government.

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
Yehuda “YJ” Draiman  <p>OCCUPATION: Neighborhood Council Secretary</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.yjdraiman.org</p>	2nd term Elected Member of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council; Director of Utilities & Sustainability for Energy Savers 2; Working on PhD in Energy Conservation; Ex-Real Estate Developer; Vast experience in the deregulation of Utilities and implementing energy and water conservation.	Jobs and the economy, they are linked. Jobs and the Economy + solutions = YJ Draiman. As Mayor of LA, how would I create jobs? We have a tremendous amount of natural resources here in Los Angeles, which we need to develop.



At press time, there was no response from the following candidate for Los Angeles City Mayor: **Addie M. Miller**

Los Angeles City Attorney

The City Attorney provides legal advice to the city and represents it in lawsuits and transactions, and oversees the prosecution of criminal misdemeanors.

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Attorney:

What is the single most important issue facing the City Attorney's Office today, and how would you deal with it?





CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
Carmen “Nuch” Trutanich  <p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles City Attorney</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.nuch13.com</p>	Backs alternative sentencing to reform youthful offenders; Advocates for city's vulnerable: abused kids/women/the homeless/immigrants; Successfully protected city from \$284 million in lawsuits; Honored: Innovations in Criminal Justice Award; Family of 4 kids: 2 teachers, 2 prosecutors.	The city attorney's office must maintain the record of winning for Los Angeles that has been the hallmark of my tenure and has greatly enhanced the office's reputation and its morale. Our success has not come easily because of severe budget pressures.
Noel Weiss  <p>OCCUPATION: Attorney/Community Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.poweroverpoliticians.com</p>	Fighting special interests for the people by winning court cases and favorable settlements; Challenging unlawful land use giveaways by politicians; Helped lead winning effort to defeat politician; Sponsored Measure B in 2009, including winning in court vs. Mayor's challenge to ballot arguments.	The single most important issue facing the City Attorney's office is how best the office can be used to ensure that there is a proper 'check and balance' on the political excesses often exhibited by the City Council.
Mike Feuer  <p>OCCUPATION: Assembly Member/Attorney</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.votemikefeuer.com</p>	Mike Feuer is one of California's leading lawmakers and attorneys; Mike has written some of California's most important public safety, children's health, consumer protection and environmental laws; Mike has directed one of the nation's leading public interest law firms, Bet Tzedek.	The most important issue facing the City Attorney's office and my top priority is protecting the public by keeping our neighborhoods safe from gangs, criminals and guns.
Greg Smith  <p>OCCUPATION: Public Safety Attorney</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.gregsmith2013.com</p>	Secures justice for victims of discrimination; Holds public officials accountable to taxpayers; Partner of Law Enforcement; Honoree, "In The Line Of Duty" Award, Police Protective League; Represented whistleblower exposing corruption in City of Bell.	I am committed to stopping crime before it starts, easing red tape and other barriers to justice, and targeting discrimination by fostering a robust partnership with community members, educators, and law enforcement across Los Angeles.

Los Angeles City Controller

The City Controller serves as chief accountant and auditor for the city's finances

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Controller:

What is the single most important issue facing the Controller's Office today, and how would you deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Ankur Patel</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Student/ Labor Organizer</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.controllerpatel.com</p>	<p>B.S. Ecology & Evolution (UCLA), M.S. Interdisciplinary (CSUN); Sold, designed, and installed solar systems; Taught English in South Korea and China; Worked on farms in India.</p>
<p>Ron Galperin</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Efficiency Commissioner/ Businessman</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.ronforla.com</p>	<p>Attorney At Law; Chair, City of LA Quality and Productivity Commission.</p>
<p>Dennis P. Zine</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles City Councilman</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.zineforcontroller.com</p>	<p>Chair, City Council's Audits & Governmental Efficiency Committee; Former Los Angeles Police Department Officer; LAPD Reserve Officer.</p>
<p>Jeff Bornstein</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>No photograph provided.</p> </div>	<p>OCCUPATION: Business Owner</p> <p>WEBSITE: No website provided.</p>	<p>30 year Local Business Owner; Lifelong Los Angeles Resident; 1984 CSUN B.A. Political Science; American for Democratic Action Exec/ SCADA; 25 year Sierra Club member; High Tech Advocate.</p>
<p>Cary Brazeman</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Local Company Executive</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.carybrazeman.com</p>	<p>Founder, LA Neighbors United; Board Member, Mid City West Community Council; Former Board Member, Friends of the Los Angeles River; Member, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; Member, California Planning and Conservation League; Member, Congregation Kol Ami.</p>

At press time, there was no response from the following candidate for City Controller: **Analilia Joya**

Los Angeles City Council

The Los Angeles City Council is the governing body of the City of Los Angeles. It is composed of 15 members from 15 separate districts who are elected to four-year terms. City Council members decide on city services, budget, and local laws.

The eight council districts shown at right are electing council members this March. If you live in one of these districts, your district's candidates' names will appear on your ballot.

District 1 includes:

Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Mt. Washington, Solano Canyon, Elysian Park, Echo Park, Westlake, Angelino Heights, Temple Beaudry, Lafayette Park, Chinatown, Lincoln Heights, Montecito Heights, Pico-Union, Mid-Cities, MacArthur Park

District 7 includes:

Pacoima, Lake View Terrace, Panorama City, Mission Hills, North Hills, Sylmar

District 9 includes:

Bunker Hill, Downtown, The Arts District, Little Tokyo, Central City East, South Park, Jefferson Park, Vermont Square

District 3 includes:

Canoga Park, Reseda, Tarzana, Winnetka, Woodland Hills

District 11 includes:

Brentwood, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Marina del Rey, Pacific Palisades, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, West LA, Westchester

District 5 includes:

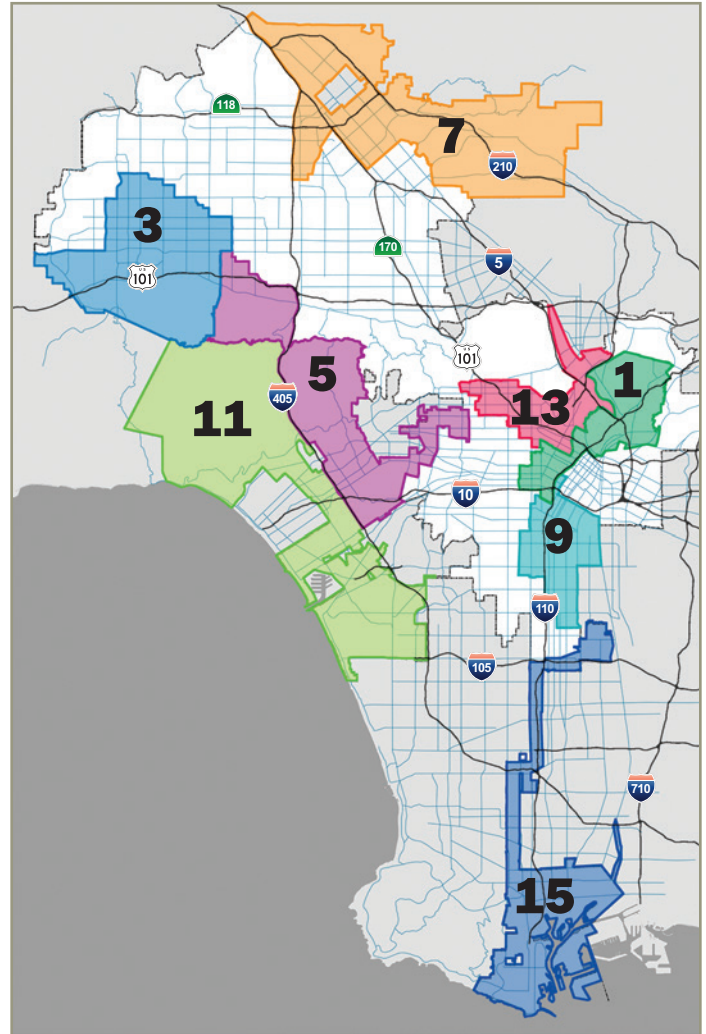
Bel Air, Beverly Crest, Beverlywood, Carthay Circle, Century City, Cheviot Hills, Encino, Fairfax, Hollywood, Melrose, Palms, Pico-Robertson, Roscomare, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley Village, West of Westwood, Westside Village, Westwood, Westwood Gardens, Westwood South of Santa Monica

District 13 includes:

Hollywood, East Hollywood, Thai Town, Little Armenia, Los Feliz, Virgil Village, Silver Lake, Echo Park, Temple-Beverly, Koreatown, Historic Filipinotown, Westlake, Wilshire Center, Melrose Hill, Elysian Valley, Atwater Village, Glassell Park


District 15 includes:

Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Watts, Wilmington




Los Angeles City Council District 1

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council: *What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?*

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Gilbert Cedillo</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Former California State Lawmaker</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.gilcedillo.com</p>	<p>Former State Assembly Member; Former General Manager of the Los Angeles County Public Employees Union; Former State Senator.</p>	<p>No response.</p>

At press time, there was no response from the following candidates for City Council District 1: Jose A. Gardea, Jesse Rosas

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER	
<p>Joyce J. Pearson</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Certified Accountant/ Attorney</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.joycepearson.com</p>	<p>Chair Emeritus/Board Member; Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council; Past President/Current Member, Encino Chamber of Commerce; Member Woodland Hills-Tarzana, Canoga Park, and Winnetka Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Valley Women's Center (protecting domestic violence victims); Board Member, Valley Village Foundation.</p>	<p>Stifled economic opportunity for businesses and individuals is the #1 issue facing the City of Los Angeles today. In order for Los Angeles to be competitive with neighboring cities we have to streamline the business permitting process and promote tax fairness.</p>
<p>Steven E. Presberg</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: City Investigator/ Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.stevenpresbergforlacouncil.com</p>	<p>B.A., M.A., J.D.; former Administrative Law Judge; Former Assistant Deputy Mayor to Mayor Richard Riordan; Former Acting City Clerk - New York; Counsel to the Los Angeles Elected Charter Reform Commission; Hearing Officer, County of Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Pension reform is the number one issue. Now consuming nearly 20% of our entire budget, our City pension costs must be reduced or it will ultimately consume us all. I would enter into talks with the City's unions to try to reach an agreement.</p>
<p>Cary T. Iaccino</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Independent Business Owner</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.cary.la</p>	<p>Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley; Homeowner whose children are 4th generation Reseda; Immediate Past Chair, Reseda Neighborhood Council; Appointed to represent all of Council District 3 on Prop K Oversight Committee by Councilman Zine.</p>	<p>The budget. Delivering core services and avoiding insolvency. We must tackle our deficit with multi-year planning, performance-based budgeting and a clear focus on delivering what taxpayers expect and deserve, without continuing to go back to the people for more.</p>
<p>Bob Blumenfield</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Assembly Member, State of California</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.bobforlacitycouncil.com</p>	<p>Married with two young children; Bachelor's Degree - Public Policy, Duke University; Graduate, Anderson School of Business, UCLA; Member, California State Assembly; Former Government Affairs Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Former District Director, Congressman Howard Berman.</p>	<p>As the economy continues to rebound we should place a priority on restoring the cuts in public services of the last few years.</p>
<p>Elizabeth Badger</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.elizabethbadger.com</p>	<p>Appointed to the Democratic Central Committee; Founder of the Non-Profit Minority Outreach; Member of the Los Angeles African American Women Political Action Committee; Member of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council; Masters Degree in Political Science.</p>	<p>I believe the single most important issue facing our city is the budget crisis. We must get our budget under control, and not at the expense of cutting core services.</p>
<p>Scott Silverstein</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Businessman/ Board member</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.scottsilversteinforcouncil.com</p>	<p>Commercial Real Estate Agent, Principal; Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, Chairman; Child Development Institute, Board of Directors; Los Angeles Jewish Home, Executives member; Woodland Hills Tarzana Chamber of Commerce; American Youth Soccer Organization.</p>	<p>The single most important issue facing the city is the enormous legacy cost. We cannot sustain the current Ponzi scheme that we employ to fund the retirement packages. Today's pensions are almost \$10 billion dollars underfunded.</p>

Los Angeles City Council District 5

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:





What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Mark Matthew Herd</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Westwood Neighborhood Councilman</p> <p>WEBSITE: https://sites.google.com/site/voteherd</p>	<p>Westwood Homeowners Association Board member 2009; Park Ashton HOA President 2004 - 2008 - 2010.</p>	<p>Avoiding Bankruptcy; Pension Reform; Stop City Hall Giveaways to special interest; Increase revenue streams; Stop waste.</p>
<p>Paul Koretz</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: City Council member</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.paulkoretz2013.com</p>	<p>LA City Council Member, Fifth District 2009-present; Member of the State Assembly, 2000-2006; West Hollywood City Council Member/Mayor, 1988-2000; Executive Director, Jewish Labor Committee, 2008; Chief of Staff, Board of Equalization Member Brad Sherman 1992.</p>	<p>Working on budget matters, I will continue to fight against layoffs and to maintain city services, which are the two biggest issues facing the City.</p>

Los Angeles City Council District 7

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:





What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Nicole Chase</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Education Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.nicolemchase.com</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Psychology; Development & Marketing Director for Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley; Los Angeles County Library Commission – appointed; Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee for Proposition K: L.A. for Kids Program - appointed.</p>	<p>We are sacrificing “quality of life” because the City lacks a sustainable realistic balanced budget. The Council, as a joint body needs to address the impending impact of increased taxes; costs of city services on constituents; the efficiency of services provided and pension reform.</p>
<p>Krystee Clark</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Actor/Community Volunteer</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.KrysteeClarkCityCouncil.com</p>	<p>Neighborhood Council Board member; 30-year veteran of the Entertainment Industry.</p>	<p>Enhance the quality of life for every Angeleno by balancing the budget, highlighting efficiency and eliminating waste, sourcing goods and services locally, re-energizing the Entertainment Industry with production incentives and reducing our carbon footprint. Employ technology, innovation and social media.</p>
<p>Felipe Fuentes</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: California State Legislator</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.felipefuentes.net</p>	<p>M.B.A., Graziadio School of Business, Pepperdine University; B.A., Political Science, UCLA.</p>	<p>I believe the City needs to get back to the basics of what the people of Los Angeles expect City government to provide: safe and healthy communities, a healthy local economy and the delivery of essential city services.</p>
<p>Jesse “David” Barron</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Housing Inspector/Activist</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.jessedavidbaronforcitycouncil.com</p>	<p>Sunland-Tujunga Budget, Land Use and Safety Committees; Cal. State University Dominguez Hills, Construction Management; Community Police Advisory Board Member; LA Housing Code Enforcement Investigator; Ca. General Contractor; EPA Technician.</p>	<p>First, I would repeal the city’s businesses tax which is driving businesses out of town and causing high unemployment, which has a negative impact on the out of control budget that needs to be addressed and stabilized at the same time.</p>

Los Angeles City Council District 9

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:

What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Terry Hara</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Deputy Police Chief</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.terryharafor council.com</p>	<p>B.A., National University; Graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police Program from the Police Executive Research Forum at Boston University; Outstanding Achievement Award in Law Enforcement by the Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives; Spirit of Los Angeles Award.</p>	<p>Public Safety is a main concern for everyone. With three decades of protecting this City and working the streets of LA, I understand the dynamics of crime and how it negatively affects residents and businesses.</p>
<p>Ron Gochez</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Social Justice High School History Teacher</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.rongochez.org</p>	<p>B.A. San Diego State University, 2004; Masters, Education, UCLA, 2006; Currently teaching African-American Studies @ Maya Angelou High School; Vice President, South Central Neighborhood Council; Founder, Southern CA Immigration Coalition; Founder, Association of Raza Educators, Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Poverty. Although some angelinos are among the richest in the nation, the majority of people of Los Angeles are struggling economically. In District 9, the unemployment rate is much higher than the state/national average and we have thousands who are homeless.</p>
<p>Ana Cubas</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Candidate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.anacubasfor council.com</p>	<p>UC Berkeley, B.A, Highest Honors in Sociology, May 1993; Princeton University, Master's in Public Affairs/Urban and Regional Planning, June 1996; Chief of Staff for Councilmember José Huizar (2009-12); LA City Human Relations Commission 2002-05; LA City Information Technology Commission (2005-2009).</p>	<p>The single most important issue facing the City is the budget deficit. The creation of jobs will revitalize the city and stabilize the use of the city's services. With employment, I plan to attract green tech industries and create stable partnerships.</p>
<p>David Roberts</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Community Development Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.davidrobertsfor council.com</p>	<p>Associate Director for Local Government Relations at USC (2009-2012); Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commissioner (2011-2012); Economic Development Deputy for 8th District Council members Mark Ridley-Thomas and Bernard C. Parks (1998-2009).</p>	<p>The single most important issue facing LA is jobs. The 9th Council District faces a 40% unemployment rate. That is why I have developed a plan for creating jobs in South LA. The first part of the plan is strengthening our workforce.</p>

At press time, there was no response from the following candidates for City Council District 9: Curren D. Price, Jr., Manuel "Manny" Aldana, and Mike Davis

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Los Angeles City Council District 11

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:

What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Tina Hess</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Prosecutor</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.hessforcouncil.com</p>	<p>Prosecutes lawsuits against banks for failing to maintain foreclosed properties; Prosecutes billboard and supergraphics violations; Prosecutes pipeline companies, metal recyclers, retailers, hospitals and other businesses for environmental crimes.</p>	<p>Los Angeles faces an increasing budget shortfall. City leaders must prioritize city services and focus on traditional core functions: public safety, emergency preparedness and updating infrastructure. Departmental inefficiencies and pet projects must be eliminated.</p>
<p>Mike Bonin</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Chief Deputy, Council member Bill Rosendahl</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.mikebonin.com</p>	<p>Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Jane Harman (2003-2004); District Director/Asst Chief Deputy, Councilmember Ruth Galanter (1996-2003); Founder/Program Director, Camp Courage (2008-2010); Regional Field Organizer, Obama for America (2008); Reporter, Wave Newspapers (1994-1996).</p>	<p>There are actually four top priorities for me: I want to focus on: 1) balancing the budget and focusing on the smart, efficient delivery of core services; 2) creating smart jobs and growing the economy; 3) fighting traffic and building mass transit; and 4) combating homelessness.</p>
<p>Odysseus Bostick</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Teacher</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.bostick4la.com</p>	<p>Member of ARSAC; Board Member of Westchester Neighbors Association; Chair of Multiple Helpings; Mandarin Immersion Academy: Growth and Transition.</p>	<p>The single most important issue facing the City is its unsustainable budget. Everyone knows that the current financial structure is pushing our city towards bankruptcy, but our leaders have been unable to address the real and growing problems in our finances.</p>
<p>Frederick Sutton</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Community Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.fredericksutton.com</p>	<p>Former West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Member; City Attorney Transition Staff; New Collective LA Casting Workshop Series; B.A. Political Science</p>	<p>Our core services (public safety, infrastructure) are no longer running smoothly. Due to mismanagement in City Hall, our local issues are no longer being addressed; 1) I will not make promises I cannot keep. 2) Introduce a Charter Amendment to "Live Within our Means."</p>





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Los Angeles City Council District 13

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:


What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER		
Mitch O'Farrell		<p>OCCUPATION: Councilmember's Senior Advisor</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.mitchforcitycouncil.org</p>	<p>2004 Democrat of the Year, 44th Cal Assembly District; 2004 Appointment to Cal Electoral College, Congressman Xavier Becerra; 2006 Citizen of the Year - Glassell Park Improvement Association; 2006 City Nerd - Elected Official Staff member. 2011 "Hero of Hollywood" award, Hollywood Chamber Foundation.</p>	<p>Our City's structural budget deficit. It serves as both a reason and an excuse for not serving our neighborhoods and businesses, or making necessary changes at City Hall. Small business reform.</p>
Roberto Haraldson		<p>OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.robertoharaldson.com</p>	<p>Democrat, Supporter of Barack Obama; Business Development Consultant; 27 year resident of Los Angeles, District 13; Property Owner and Manager in District 13; Former Chair of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.</p>	<p>The City's very solvency is the most important issue facing Los Angeles. I would propose an amendment to our city charter. That amendment would require the City to adhere to a financial plan that insures revenues exceed expenses at all times.</p>
Josh Post		<p>OCCUPATION: Deputy Attorney General</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.joshpost.com</p>	<p>University Professor - Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico; Judicial Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge; Leadership role at LA's BEST After School Program; Former L.A. Neighborhood Council Member; Juris Doctor, Southwestern Law School; Echo Park Resident.</p>	<p>Infrastructure degradation. We need to focus on street and sidewalk repair and quality-of-life issues that affect residents on a daily basis. We must find funding sources to modernize our city infrastructure.</p>
Octavio Pescador		<p>OCCUPATION: University Professor</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.octaviopescador.com</p>	<p>Ph.D. UCLA '03 Education; M.A. Stanford '94 International Development Education; B.A. UCLA '93 Political Science International Relations; Governing Council, UCLA Community School; Board Member, Families in Schools & Thomas Jefferson Senior High School.</p>	<p>Los Angeles is facing a dire fiscal situation. My top priority is to increase revenue for the City by creating good, green and safe jobs. I will establish strategic public-private partnerships to improve productivity, efficiency and effectiveness in City Hall.</p>
John J. Choi		<p>OCCUPATION: Commissioner/Community Organizer</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.johnchoi2013.com</p>	<p>Public Works Commissioner; Economic Development Director; City Council Field Deputy; B.A. UCLA; J.D. UCLA.</p>	<p>No response.</p>
Emile Mack		<p>OCCUPATION: Assistant Fire Chief</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.emilemackforcouncil.com</p>	<p>34-Year Veteran of the LAFD; Appointed by the Governor to the California State Board of Fire Services</p>	<p>The most important issue facing Los Angeles is creating job opportunities for our residents. I have a 3-part plan to encourage job growth. The first part of the plan is expanding workforce development.</p>

Los Angeles City Council District 13

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council:

What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER	
<p>Sam Kbushyan</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Neighborhood Council Boardmember</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.sam2013.com</p>	<p>Executive Director, Immigrants Charitable Foundation; Political Coordinator, SEIU 434B (past employment); Treasurer of Northeast Democratic Club; Appointed Director of LACER After-School Programs; MBA in Healthcare Administration, Northeastern University; BA in Political Science, Cal State LA.</p>	<p>The biggest issue facing the City is the current state of the economy and its effect on the budget. To ensure future budgets are balanced without drastic service cuts, we need to expand Los Angeles' tax base by encouraging business development.</p>
<p>Robert Negrete</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Senator's District Director</p> <p>WEBSITE: http://negrete4council.com</p>	<p>Field Deputy to Council President Alex Padilla; Field Deputy to Senator Richard Polanco; Board Trustee of Marshall High Alumni Association; Teacher's Aide at Mayberry Elementary School; Graduate of Cal State L.A., Political Science; Attended local schools.</p>	<p>The fiscal stability of our city is the most important issue we face. I would tackle our budget challenges, provide the essential services people expect and deserve, and lead our city to a brighter and more sustainable future.</p>
<p>Michael Schaefer</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.mike4council13.com</p>	<p>Educated at Notre Dame, UC Berkeley, Georgetown Law; decades in business (real estate, hotel marketing) and constitutional law cases in Los Angeles; former city prosecutor and 2-term city councilman - City of San Diego, prior to coming to LA.</p>	<p>The job drain, over 16,000 jobs last 7 years, in the entertainment industry, must stop. Six states are seeking our industry; we must work with State Film Commission and local lawmakers to have the most business-friendly outreach to the industry.</p>
<p>Matt Szabo</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Deputy Mayor</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.voteszabo.com</p>	<p>Executive Director, Yes on Measure J Committee for Jobs and Traffic Relief; Legislative Director, Councilmember Wendy Greuel; City Council Liaison, Mayor Richard J. Riordan.</p>	<p>Without question, the ongoing financial crisis presents the greatest threat to the public sector as we know it in the City of Los Angeles.</p>
<p>José Sigala</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Neighborhood Council President</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.josesigala.com</p>	<p>President, Greater Echo Park Elysian NC (2006-2012); 15 year resident of the Council District.</p>	<p>No response.</p>
<p>Alexander Cruz De Ocampo</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Charitable Foundation Director</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.alexdeocampo.nationbuilder.com</p>	<p>Former District Representative for the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council; Former President of the California Young Democrats; Three time Delegate to Democratic National Convention; BA Communications, California State University; Member of the Board of Directors of Grand Performances.</p>	<p>As a Member of the City Council, my top priority will be to create good, middle class jobs. With my private sector experience managing a \$200 million charitable fund, I am confident I can attract business to CD-13.</p>

Los Angeles City Council District 15

The following question was asked of the candidates for City Council: *What is the single most important issue facing the City of Los Angeles today? As Council Member, what would you do to deal with it?*

CANDIDATE

QUALIFICATIONS

ANSWER

Joe Buscaino



OCCUPATION:
Los Angeles City Councilmember

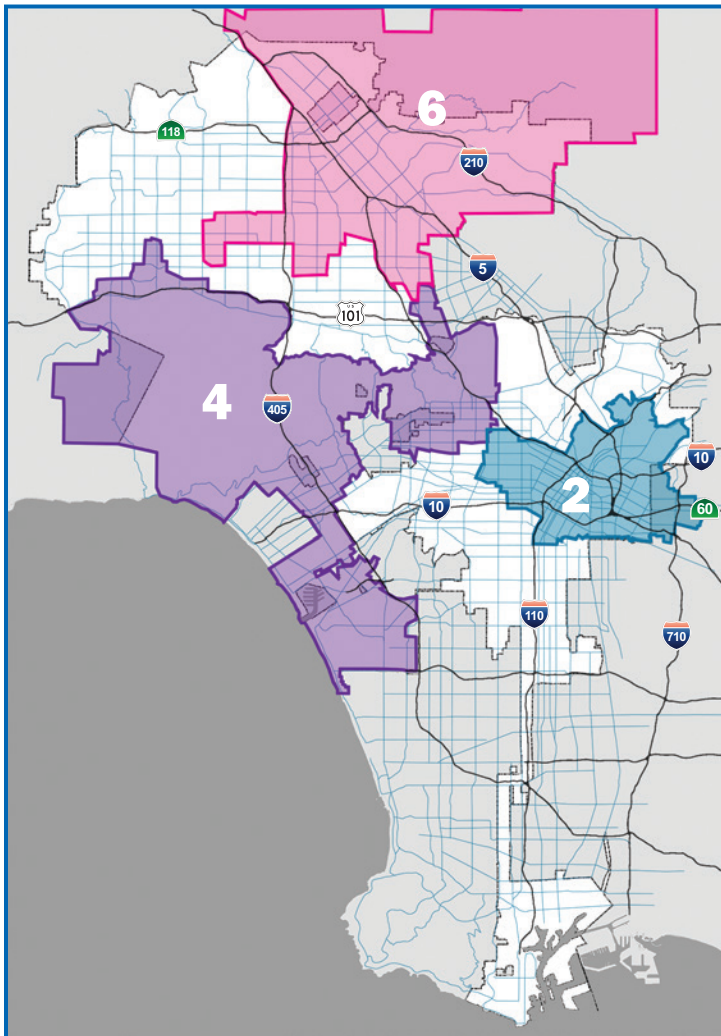
WEBSITE:
www.joebuscaino.com

Lifelong resident of Council District 15; LAPD Officer - 15 Years, Senior Lead Officer - 6 years; Watts Summer Games Advisory Council; California Conservation Corps Green Advisory Committee; San Pedro YWCA Racial Justice Committee.

The City's structural deficit threatens our ability to ensure public safety and deliver core city services. I plan to address this in a balanced way: seeking additional revenues, enacting pro-growth economic development policies while cutting expenses through pension reform.

At press time, there was no response from the following candidate for City Council District 15: **James T. Law**

Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education



The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the second-largest public school system in the United States.

The LAUSD is governed by a seven-member Board of Education, which sets district policy and appoints a superintendent, who oversees the daily operations of the district.

Although there are seven districts, only three districts—2, 4, and 6—are electing board members this March.





If you live in one of these districts, your district's candidates' names will appear on your ballot.

Check your sample ballot or visit www.smartvoter.org to see if you will be voting for a School Board Member.

LAUSD District 2

The following question was asked of the candidates for Board of Education:

What is the single most important issue facing the LAUSD today? As a Board Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Mónica García</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Member of the Board of Education</p> <p>WEBSITE: None</p>	<p>Chief of Staff, Los Angeles School Board Member Jose Huizar; Social Worker</p>	<p>We need to reshape the culture of our schools to establish high expectations. We must believe and work so that every child graduates from high School and is able to go to college.</p>
<p>Robert D. Skeels</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Educator/Education Researcher</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.robertdskeelsforschoolboard.org</p>	<p>Writes for publications including Schools Matter; Endorsed by education experts including Dr. Diane Ravitch; Education articles cited in books and journals; Attended GCC and UCLA; US Navy Veteran; Decades of community activism and volunteer work.</p>	<p>The obsession with standards and punitive testing brought on by No Child Left Behind, and its descendants Race to the Top and Common Core State Standards, have perverted and warped curriculum. LAUSD must bring balance back and insist on teaching and learning.</p>
<p>Abelardo Díaz</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: High School Teacher</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.abelardodiazforschoolboard.org</p>	<p>National Board Certified Teacher; Master of Arts in Education; Master of Arts in Educational Leadership; Bachelors of Arts in International Relations.</p>	<p>The academic success of our students is at stake. In 2006 the graduation rate district-wide was 72%, now, six years later it is 61%. This is not acceptable.</p>
<p>Isabel Vazquez</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: Teacher/Community Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.isabelforschoolboard2013.com</p>	<p>Field Deputy, LAUSD School Board President Jeff Horton; Director, Career Technical Education and Grants; Coordinator, Parent and Community Outreach; UCLA - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Cum Laude; USC - Master of Science in Education.</p>	<p>In the last four years I have seen serious problems become worse with catastrophic consequences for the students of LAUSD. I have seen the withering away of programs and support systems for students most in need, many of them whom live in my board district.</p>

At press time, there was no response from the following candidate for LAUSD District 2: **AnnaMarie Montañez**

LAUSD District 4

The following question was asked of the candidates for Board of Education:

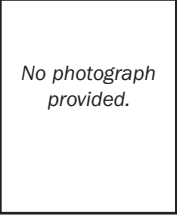


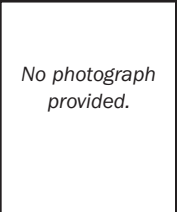
What is the single most important issue facing the LAUSD today? As a Board Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>Steve Zimmer</p>  <p>OCCUPATION: School Board member/Teacher</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/SteveZimmer2013</p>	<p>Former Board member, Peace over Violence; Founder, Marshall's Multilingual Teacher Career Academy; Honoree, Angels over Los Angeles Award, Commission for Children Youth & their Families; Honoree, Carino Award, El Centro Del Pueblo; Honoree, Jackie Goldberg Public Service Award, LACER.</p>	<p>No response.</p>
<p>Kate Anderson</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>No photograph provided.</p> </div> <p>OCCUPATION: Parent/Child Advocate</p> <p>WEBSITE: None</p>	<p>Los Angeles Director, Children Now; Former Staff Member for both Congressman Waxman and Congresswoman Harman; Elected Community Council Member; Westside Infant Family Network Board Member; Parent of twin 3rd Graders. Helped to establish a child care center at my law firm.</p>	<p>Los Angeles schools were once the envy of the nation; everyone felt good sending their kid to public school. It is not that way now but it can be that way again.</p>

LAUSD District 6

The following question was asked of the candidates for Board of Education:

What is the single most important issue facing the LAUSD today? As a Board Member, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
Maria Cano 	OCCUPATION: Education Advocate/ Organizer WEBSITE: None	United for Education Coalition-Director of Government and Media Relations.
Iris Zuñiga 	OCCUPATION: Non-profit Executive/ Parent WEBSITE: http://www.Irisforschoolboard.com	Lifelong advocate for educational opportunity for all youth - I have served on the Board of non-profits dedicated to this mission; Received "Mujer Destacada Award" from La Opinion 2012 in the area of Education; Featured in Latino Leaders Magazine in July, 2012.
Monica Ratliff 	OCCUPATION: Fifth Grade Teacher WEBSITE: http://monicaratliff2013.nationbuilder.com	Successful teacher at a thriving inner city school from 2001 - the present; Resident of Sunland; Past resident of Sun Valley; Former legal services attorney at San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services in Pacoima; M.Ed/UCLA; JD/Columbia Law School.
Antonio Sanchez 	OCCUPATION: Educator/Community Organizer WEBSITE: None	BA California State University Northridge; MA in Planning from UCLA; UCLA Researcher and Teaching Assistant; Community Organizer; Former Area Director for City of Los Angeles Office of the Mayor.


Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees

LACCD Trustees set policy for area community colleges

LACCD Board of Trustees, Seat No. 2

The following question was asked of the candidates for the LACCD:


What is the single most important issue facing the LACCD today? As a Trustee, what would you do to deal with it?

CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
Mike Eng 	OCCUPATION: College Teacher/ Legislator WEBSITE: None	Education: B.A., M.A., Juris Doctor (law); State Assemblyman, 2006-2012; City Mayor and Councilman, 2002-2006; Governor Appointee to State Consumer Affairs Board (past); President, City Library Board of Trustees (past); Community College and Four Year College teacher.


LACCD Board of Trustees, Seat No. 2


The following question was asked of the candidates for the LACCD:

What is the single most important issue facing the LACCD today? As a Trustee, what would you do to deal with it?


CANDIDATE	QUALIFICATIONS	ANSWER
<p>John C. Burke</p>  <p>No photograph provided.</p>	<p>OCCUPATION: College Accounting Professor</p> <p>WEBSITE: http://www.lavc.edu/techprep/techprep.htm</p>	<p>BA; MA American History CSUN; MBA Accounting/Marketing UCLA; California Community College & Secondary Teaching Credentials USC; Boy's Republic Board of Directors; Los Solteros President; Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges & Universities.</p>
		<p>The single most important issue facing the LACCD today is the quality of instruction. As a Trustee, I would provide leadership to improve discipline knowledge and teaching skills of LACCD faculty.</p>


LACCD Board of Trustees, Seat No. 4


<p>Jozef "Joe" Thomas Essavi</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Los Angeles County Commissioner</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.jozef4college.com</p>	<p>Past Controller for Non Profit Association. Community College District Student Trustee Nominee from LA Valley College 1994; Community College (LAVC) ASB Union Treasurer, 2 terms; Served 2 terms as Neighborhood Council Member; Businessman, Community College Education Reformer; BA UC Riverside, MA CSUN.</p>
		<p>72% failure to graduate and to transfer is the #1 issue facing our colleges and our students. I will fight hard to lower that number by providing counseling, more classes and more scholarships. We need more focus on students and teachers.</p>

<p>Ernest Henry Moreno</p>  <p>No photograph provided.</p>	<p>OCCUPATION: Retired College President</p> <p>WEBSITE: None</p>	<p>Community College President 18 years; Classroom Instructor for 28 years; John D. Rice Diversity Award; Outstanding Administrator of the Year/AAHHE; Steve Allen Educator of The Year Award.</p>
		<p>Student access is directly connected to efficiency of cost management at all educational institutions in the LACCD. I would work to open educational opportunities to all members of our community through the development of cost efficient policies.</p>

LACCD Board of Trustees, Seat No. 6

<p>Tom Oliver</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Retired College President</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.electtomoliver.com</p>	<p>Past President, Pierce College & Los Angeles Mission College; Vice President Academic Affairs, Pierce College & Los Angeles Mission College; Board Chairman, Ivy Academia K-12 Charter School; Doctorate of Education in Institutional Management, Pepperdine University.</p>
		<p>Fiscal uncertainty is the challenge of the future, and the role of leadership is to prepare our community colleges for the future.</p>

<p>Nancy Pearlman</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: Community College Trustee</p> <p>WEBSITE: www.nancypearlman.net</p>	<p>Executive Director (for Educational Communications); Cultural Anthropologist; Environmentalist; Educator (Community College Instructor); Environmental Documentarian; Radio Host & Broadcaster.</p>
		<p>I believe funding to maintain classes and to increase class availability is the single most important issue facing LACCD. I will work to obtain more Federal grants for our nine Community Colleges and to get more state funding.</p>

<p>David Vela</p> 	<p>OCCUPATION: School Board Member</p> <p>WEBSITE: None</p>	<p>Masters in Public Policy, Pepperdine University; Bachelor's of Science Anthropology, UCLA; YMCA Board Member; LA County Trustees Association Director; CSBA Former Delegate.</p>
		<p>One of the most important issues is funding for the LACCD. As a trustee I will ensure that our administration cut wasteful spending, increase revenue, apply for outside foundation, corporation and federal government dollars.</p>

At press time, there was no response from the following candidate for LACCD Seat 6: **Michael "Mike" Aldapa**

Ballot Propositions

Proposition A: CITY SALES TAX

City Ordinance - Passes with majority vote

Now:

People who live or shop in the city of Los Angeles pay a sales tax of 9% on most things that they buy. Almost all of the money from this tax goes to the state of California and to the county of Los Angeles. The city receives a small amount from the state: less than 1%. Many cities in California charge an additional city sales tax, but the city of Los Angeles does not.

If Proposition A passes:

The city of Los Angeles would charge an additional ½% sales tax, so that people who live or shop in the city would pay a sales tax of 9½%. The money from this tax would go into the city's General Fund, which is used to pay for many city services.

Effect on the city budget:

The city's General Fund would receive about \$106 million in sales tax revenues in 2013 and about \$211 million in each year after this.



People for Proposition A say:

- ❖ The city has a budget deficit of more than \$200 million. The money from this tax will prevent severe cuts to the fire department, the police department, and paramedic services.
- ❖ Everyone will pay their fair share, including businesses, tourists, and people from nearby cities who shop in Los Angeles.



People against Proposition A say:

- ❖ This tax will not solve the city's budget problems. Instead, the city needs to find ways to cut spending.
- ❖ This tax will hit working people and businesses the hardest, and will encourage people to shop in nearby cities that have lower taxes.

Proposition A was put on the ballot by the Los Angeles City Council.

Charter Amendment B: POLICE OFFICER PENSIONS

City charter amendment - Passes with majority vote

Now:

Some police officers work for the City Department of General Services (DGS), where they patrol city buildings and facilities such as City Hall, the zoo and the Convention Center. Last year, the city permitted these officers to work for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) instead of the DGS. The LAPD has a different retirement pension plan than the one offered by the DGS.

If Charter Amendment B passes:

Police officers who are transferred from the DGS to the LAPD could choose whether they receive their pension benefits from the DGS plan or the LAPD plan.

Effect on the city budget:

There would be no effect on the city budget. Officers who choose the LAPD plan would pay for the costs of any additional pension benefits.



People for Charter Amendment B say:

- ❖ Charter Amendment B will allow police officers who are transferred to the LAPD to have the same benefits as other members of this plan, at no cost to the city or to taxpayers.



People against Charter Amendment B say:

- ❖ The cost of the City's pension systems is a big reason for the City's financial problems. There is no way to guarantee that this will not cost the City money and make the problem worse.

Charter Amendment B was put on the ballot by vote of the Los Angeles City Council.



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