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YPM PRIMARY 2006 MID-TERM ELECTION GUIDE

Los Angeles County

VOTE Tuesday, JUNE 6, 2006

7am - 8pm

In a Two-Party System the Primary Election is one of the few opportunities to find a candidate that shares your values.

★Please email this guide at www.goypm.org to all your L.A. friends and family before June 6, so we can make some serious change this year.

California has one of the most complicated multi-districted governments in the Country, so...

1st: Find your local races & poll by looking on the Sample Ballot sent to your residence,
OR online <http://lavote.net/Locator/> (562) 466-1310

2nd: Once you know which races are yours, find out all about them in this here guide.

♥ Eligible voters can ALWAYS cast a *Provisional Ballot at ANY poll and it will be counted.*

The Primary and Party Affiliation: Voting occurs within one's registered party only. Some indicated races are "non-partisan" and will be voted on by all. **Voters not affiliated with a political party can participate in either the Democratic or Republican Party primaries and can request one partisan ballot at the polls.**

Disclaimer: Due to the large number of races and candidates in this race, YPM has focused on the geographic areas most relevant to our membership, and to the viable contenders as seen through polls and newspapers. In most cases these candidates fall within the Two-Party system. We have included information on the values of candidates in both parties where possible. If you need information on an unlisted race or candidate, please let us know info@goypm.org. YPM has picked information (**from sources sited at the back**) based on our progressive values:

-Quality Education for All
-Corporate Responsibility
-Healthcare for All

-Civil Rights
-Environmental Conservation
-Reproductive Freedom

◆ - Indicates an incumbent. Incumbents often win because of name recognition and protective district drawing. Hard to believe, but elected officials, themselves, redraw districts after each Census.

(D) = Democrat

(R) = Republican

STATEWIDE

Governor-The Executive Branch of the State Government. Signs or vetoes law presented by state legislature.

★Sexiest Race of All

- **Phil Angelides (D)** - Current State Treasurer with national reputation for investing state pensions and bonds in socially responsible and progressive enterprises(LA Weekly). **Fun Fact:** First ran for political office at age 19, when he made an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Sacramento City Council. **Minimum Wage:** Promises to sign a minimum-wage bill that would have yearly increases. **Education:** Plan to fund schools by rolling back tax cuts (by a less than a third of the tax breaks which they have recieved for corporations and couples making over \$500,000 to improve education (OC Register). **Environment:** Pledges to make CA world leader for renewable energy/clean vehicles and to reduce California's gasoline and diesel use 25% in ten years. **Healthcare:** for all. **Endorsed by:** Senator Barbara Boxer, Democratic Party leaders Nancy Pelosi and Fabian Núñez, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, CA's Teachers, Firefighters, Police Officers, Sierra Club: Vote the Coast, California National Organization of Women, much of Organized Labor. **Money:** "State Treasurer Angelides took \$143,200 from the developers who bulldozed the Dana Point Headlands over Sierra Club objections. Then there's the \$574,000 he accepted from law firms he hired to be state bond counsel." (LA Alternative Press)

- **Steve Westly (D)** - Current State Controller. Elected Member of Democratic National Committee. Former Senior Vice President of eBay. **Self Described:** "progressive on social issues and... fiscally moderate" (OC Register). **#1 Priority:** to reinvent public education. **On Taxes:** Ran an add that suggested that Angelides' promise to raise taxes on the top 1 percent of California earners would hurt middle-class families. (LA Weekly) **Environment:** Wishes to lessen our dependence on foreign oil by 40% by 2025 and to comply fully with the Kyoto Treaty. **Universal Healthcare:** by expanding "coverage through a system of increased state coverage and employer mandates." **Endorsed by:** LA Council President Eric Garcetti, Congresswoman Diane Watson, National Organization of Women, Sierra Club CA, California Small Business Association. **Campaign Finance:** Has spent \$32.5 million of his own money on his campaign and "received campaign donations from individuals associated with three different venture capitalist firms that all landed multi-million dollar investments from California's pension system—with his help." (LA Alternative Press)

- **Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) ◆** - Called for a Special Election to get in office. Called for another Special Election last November where he attacked working class. Some estimate \$30 million in state funds were used to administer each election. Drives Hummer (one of which is hydrogen powered). Down to business: LA Times reports that he has recently gotten more serious and patient in his work ethic, finally tackling "unglamorous issues [like] flood protection, immigration reform, fish farming and the crumbling state of California's roads, schools and bridges."

Lieutenant Governor—*president of the State Senate, and serves on commissions that oversee public colleges, economy and trade, environment, disaster relief, agriculture, cultural tolerance, and the census.*

- **John Garamendi (D)** - Current CA State Insurance Commissioner, former Deputy Secretary of US Dept of the Interior under Clinton. Alleges insurance companies are trying to destroy his run. Former Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. Focus on CA Universal Health Care, education, environment. Endorsed by VP Al Gore, California Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters.
- **Jackie Speier (D)** - Current California State Senator, Assistant Pro-Tem of the Senate. Focus on consumer protection, higher education, governmental accountability. Has accepted contributions from Enron and insurance companies in the past. Endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nunez, and CA National Organization of Women, Pacificare Health Plan and Pfizer.
- **Liz Figueroa (D)** - Underdog. Current CA State Senator. First Latina from Northern California elected to Legislature- wants to be the first woman and first Latina to serve as Lt. Governor. Focus on children and working families, curbing gov't scandals and waste, protection of the environment. Endorsed by the CA Nurses Association, Sierra Club, the United Farm Workers and City Council Members Rosendahl and Cardenes.
- **Tom McClintock (R)** - Realtor. Wants to take state budget out of the hands of politicians and give it to CPAs. Supports the Catholic Church's position on immigration: supports legalizing those now in the country and a guest worker program
- **Tony Farmer (R)** - Not a contender. Current CA State Senator, former CA State Assemblyman. Role model is "Ronald Reagan, b/c of his devotion to freedom and unfailing belief in America." Focus on enforcing immigration laws. "Illegal immigrants who make contact with state agencies should be reported to immigration officials. Cease public services to illegal immigrants." (OC Register)

Secretary of State—★Sexy Race: *Chief Elections Officer controls state voting method (paper trail vs. electronic mysteries). Responsible for disclosing campaign/lobbyist information, some commercial documentation, and the State Archives. Serves on CA Trade Commission.*

- **Debra Bowen (D)** - State Senator, former State Assemblywoman. The favorite candidate of activists fighting notorious Diebold voting machines. Debra's track record promises to alleviate concerns over unethical voting methods in California. Endorsed by US Rep Jane Harman, LA City Council Members Greuel, Hahn, Rosendahl, Wesson and Zine, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, CA State Council of Laborers, Voter Registration and Education Fund
- **Deborah V. Ortiz (D)** - Current State Senator, former state assemblywoman, former Sacramento City Councilwoman. As State Senator, established a statewide after-school tutoring program and authored a "Patient Bill of Rights" measure to protect surgical patients. (www.ucop.edu). Endorsed by Sen. Kevin Murray, Gloria Romero, CA Professional Firefighters, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 447, CA Association for Nurse Practitioners, CA Hospital Association, CA Psychological Association.

- **Bruce McPherson (R) ◆** - Re-certified Diebold voting machines Feb. 2006. In order to do so he had to go back on his word twice and violate federal and state law in the process.

"If Diebold had set out to build a system as insecure as they possibly could, this would be it,"

-Avi Rubin, Johns Hopkins University computer-science Prof. 5/29/06 <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/12888600/site/newsweek>

Controller-California's CFO. The "state's independent financial watchdog" over government use of tax dollars. Accounts for state government income and spending and guides local government.

- **John Chiang (D)** - Current Chairman of the State Board of Equalization where he created free outreach and education programs to help individuals, businesses and nonprofit orgs better understand taxes. Involved in the State Board of Equalization's efforts to curb black market cigarette sales and other business tax evasion. Sacramento experience. Endorsed by CA Federation of Teachers, and Sportswear Inc., Physicians Healthways Medical Corp., KIG Properties.

- **Joe Dunn (D)** - State Senator for Garden Grove. Trial lawyer who led the State Legislature's investigation of Enron during the state's energy crisis. (Says he held Enron accountable for its actions and pledges to use that tenacity to audit the state's income and expenditures.) (www.joedunn.org). Focus on State Audits to weed out fraud and waste, quality education, health care, and consumer protection. Endorsed by CA State Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), Sierra Club, Equality California.

- **Jim Stieringer (R)** – Not a contender. Reforms he proposes: Tax conformance as a means of simplifying life for taxpayers, outsourcing of public tasks, Campaign finance reform: only constituents should contribute to candidates.

- **Bret R. Davis (R)** – Not a contender. Businessman.

- **Abel Maldonado (R)** - State Senator of Santa Maria. Self described "moderate, bi-partisan consensus builder" (LA Times, 5/26). To help solve the budget shortfall he wishes to "crack down on tax deadbeats to ensure they pay their fair share." (OC Register). Endorsed by California Motor Car Dealers Association, Hewlett Packard, Microsoft Corp., United Food Group, American Medical Response

- **Tony Strickland (R)** - Former State Assemblyman for Moorpark. Wants to repeal the sales tax on gasoline. Believes we cannot begin to discuss Immigration until our borders are secure. Endorsed by California Association of Health Facilities, Chivaroli & Associates Inc., Griffin Industries Inc., Pechanga Band of Mission Indians, Total Rehab Care Inc., Picoco LLC

- **David L. Harris (R)** – Not a contender.

Treasurer—*State's lead asset manager, banker and financier. Serves as chairperson or a member of numerous State authorities, boards and commissions that include health, safety, and water issues.*

- **Bill Lockyer (D)** Current Attorney General. Running unopposed on the Democratic ticket. As Attorney General, helped Californians win settlements against energy companies, helped create the Meagans' Law website (keeping track of sex offenders), doubled the size of elderly abuse programs, and sued twice in federal court against the Bush admin's plans to cut down Giant Sequoias and part of the Sierra Nevada National Forest. Endorsed by Equality California, LA Police Protective League, CA Professional Firefighters, CA Nurses Association, Sierra Club

- **Claude Parrish (R)** - Sits on the State Board of Equalization. Anti-tax activist. Endorsed by Verizon Communications Inc., American Airlines, The Pepsi Bottling Group Inc., Ralphs Grocery Co., Paramount Pictures Group, Southern California Aviation LLC, United Melon Distributors Inc., Clearchannel Worldwide, PG&E Corp., Pacific Life Insurance Co.

- **Keith S. Richman (R)** - State Assemblyman for Northridge. Worked on a budget proposal in 2003 that would cut in public services and add modest tax increases (unusual for a repub.). Crusader against excessive pension benefits for govt. workers - except for Public Safety Officers. (OC Register). Endorsed by Glendale Physicians Alliance, The Irvine Co., Monarch Healthcare, Pardee Homes, Paramount Pictures Group, Six Flags California, Heritage Development Organization, Monarch Healthcare, California Dental

Attorney General—*in the Dept. of Justice. Works to lead and educate on law enforcement, justice, safety, equal opportunity, economic prosperity.*

- **Rocky Delgadillo (D)** - Current Los Angeles City Attorney/Prosecutor. Raised in East L.A., Harvard alum. Focus on curbing corporate power and gangs (wishes to appoint state "Gang Czar" to promote anti-truancy, private investment in gang-afflicted neighborhoods, and state-wide job training). Pro-death penalty. Endorsed by National Latino Peace Officers, Valley Democratic Club, AFL-CIO, California Teachers Association, and California Firefighters.

- **Jerry Brown (D)** - Famous political character: current Mayor of Oakland, former two-term state Governor, and California Secretary of State. Focus on assisting local police, protecting the environment, and protecting a woman's right to choose. Anti-death penalty. Says he is best suited to ward off the current Administration's erosions of protection to consumers, workers, environment, and women's rights. Endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Sierra Club, CA League of Conservation Voters, CA Police Chiefs Assn, CA Nurses Assn, United Farm Workers.

- **Chuck Poochigian (R)** - Not a contender. Current State Senator and former State Assemblyman Chuck is in strong favor of the death penalty and consistently supports the Three Strikes Law. Authored legislation calling "for greater protections from felons in possession of firearms."

Insurance Commissioner—enforces insurance-related CA laws. Regulates industry to “protect consumers and promote a healthy marketplace” (Can both be done at once??).

- **Cruz M. Bustamante (D)** - Current CA Lt. Governor. Former Speaker of the Assembly. Sacramento experience. Focus on educating and protecting consumers while working to expand affordable health coverage. His own weight loss is a major theme of his campaign. Endorsed by CA Association of Highway Patrolmen, CA Teachers Association, CA Nurses Association, CA Professional Firefighters

- **John Kraft (D)** - Current Insurance Healthcare Consultant. Chair of Kraft Family Foundation (Kraft Foods). Priorities include Healthcare for All, “California needs someone to fight to keep politics away from insurance and make insurance a necessity, not an unaffordable luxury, for the average person.” (www.ic-johnkraft.com). Self Proclaimed Progressive Democrat.

- **Steve Poizner (R)** - says he will not take money like Bustamante from the companies (insurance) he will regulate.

★**The U.S. Legislative Branch = Senate + House of Representatives. Primary duty is to write, debate, and pass bills.**

U.S. Senate—Each state has TWO senators with six-year terms. (Barbara Boxer is not up this year but Dianne is)

- **Dianne Feinstein (D) ◆** - No serious challenger. “Architect” of controversial and harsh anti-immigration legislation now in Congress. Her support of the War in Iraq resulted in a \$500 million contract for her husband’s civil infrastructure company, Pernini. The first priority on her website is: “Defeating Bush’s Social Security Plan”—didn’t that already happen? Champion for stronger foreign policy and mainstream judges

- **Martin Luther Church (D)** - kooky site declares “trade agreements...have emasculated the sovereignty of America.” He looks pretty serious about his maroon blazer.

- **Colleen Fernald (D)**—Priorities include: sensible Iraq exit, trustworthy voting system. She is a leader in the environmental sustainability movement.

- **Richard "Dick" Mountjoy (R)**—Website begins “The time has come for those who live their lives by Judeo-Christian beliefs...to rise up.” Re immigration: He pledges to oppose all “amnesty schemes.”

US Representative—Number per state is based on population of each state. Serves two-year terms without limit.

US Representative-District 27—The suburbs north of downtown Los Angeles, including Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and La Canada.

- **Brad Sherman (D) ◆** - No real challenger. Specialty is fiscal responsibility. Secured \$16 million to complete the trails through the Santa Monica Mountains. Endorsed by: Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Stonwall Dems, Vets of Foreign Wars PAC. Supports Valley Succession

- **Peter Hankwitz (R)** - Producer and Talent Rep. Priorities: expand Hollywood job opportunities.

US Representative-District 28—Los Angeles and San Fernando and the Pacoima, Arleta, Panorama City, Van Nuys, and North Hollywood communities.

- **Charles Coleman (D)** - Juvie hall teacher for 11 years. Supports immediate withdrawal from Iraq and calls for impeachment of Bush. Endorsed by Tom Hayden.

- **Howard L. Berman (D) ◆** - 20+ yrs as Congressman. Born in Los Angeles. Supports right to abortion. Voted for both Iraq invasions: does not believe in immediate withdrawal. Voted against the re-authorization of the Patriot Act. Controversial high salary paid to family members on staff

- **Stanley Kessel Kimmelman - (R)**

US Representative-District 29 Alhambra, Altadena, Burbank, Glendale, Griffith Park, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, and Temple City.

- **Bob McCloskey (D)** - Retired Union Rep. Priorities: end the war in Iraq. Peace and sustainable economy. Clean government and electoral reform. Endorsed by Progressive Democrats of America, Reverend Lawson (mentor to Martin Luther King), United Teachers of Los Angeles, the founder of Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (ICUJP),

- **Adam Schiff (D) ◆** - Focus on Homeland Security and education. Co-authored renewal of US Patriot Act. He recently introduced the *Air Cargo Security Act* to ensure that all air cargo on passenger planes be screened for explosives. He is an original author of the *Detention of Enemy Combatants Act*, a bill which authorizes the federal government to detain U.S. citizens with suspected involvement in al Qaeda terrorist activities. Co-founded *Freshmen for Reform* with a Republican colleague to build support for the House version of the *McCain-Feingold* campaign finance regulations. Endorsed by Sen. Barbara Boxer, Bill Lockyer, Sheriff Lee Baca.

- **William J. Bodell (R)** - Businessman. Not a contender.

US Representative-District 30—Downtown Los Angeles and extends up to the city's northeastern boarder.

- **Henry A. Waxman (D) ◆** - Very popular in office since 1974. No true challenger. Pro-choice and successfully led the fight for improved prenatal and infant care for low-income families. Ranking member of Government Reform Committee: investigated high costs of prescription drugs, conditions in nursing homes, overcrowded schools, and voting irregularities. Fights to maintain and expand energy standards and restrictions on air and water pollution. Launched Enron investigation.

-**David Nelson Jones (R)** – Not a contender. Proposes a Renters tax Break. Pro small business. Wants National Guard established along our borders.

US Representative-District 31—*Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Santa Monica, West Hollywood and Westlake Village, Pacific Palisades, Bel-Air, Century City, Westwood, Brentwood, Topanga, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, Beverlywood and West Los Angeles. T*

- **Xavier Becerra (D) ◆** - Representative since 1992. Stanford Alum. Only Democrat on the House of Ways and Means Comm. Pro-choice. Supports adhering to Kyoto Protocol and stem cell research.

- **Sal Genovese (D)** not a contender, LACC education minister, Pro-life

US Representative-District 33—*Portion of Los Angeles and Culver City in its entirety.*

- **Mervin L. Evans (D)** - Served 4 years in the armed forces. Ran in 2004. Supports immediate withdrawal from Iraq. Wants a single-payer healthcare system. Really is not enough out there on this man to find specifics, except that his campaign does not register a response yet

- **Diane E. Watson (D) ◆** - PhD in Education; 20 year LAUSD teacher. Former ambassador to Micronesia. Pro-choice. Against inhumane immigration legislation. Encourages DIPLOMATIC relations with Iran. Participating in "Out of Iraq" public events. Concerns exist about her anti-amalgam bill and her campaign.

US Representative-District 35—*Inglewood, Hawthorne, as well as south-central Los Angeles.*

- **Maxine Waters (D) ◆** - Popular Congresswoman since 1990; chief deputy whip. No true challenger. Pro-choice. Voted for the Resolution 635 to Censure Bush. Called for new leadership in the Department of Defense. Ethics: family members received contracts from her companies contacts.

- **Carl McGill (D)** – Not a contender. Pro life, pro guns, pro war. Was a republican who ran in 2000 and has conveniently changed sides to better his chances in this election. Police Officer of the Year.

US Representative-District 36 ★SEXY RACE

This district runs along Santa Monica Bay from south of Santa Monica through the Palos Verdes Peninsula and includes El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita.

- **Jane Harman (D) ◆** - Harvard Law grad. Votes YES on the Iraq War, Patriot Act, and Bankruptcy bill. Sponsored anti-wire tapping bill. Co-sponsored *Safe Port Act* this month. Pro-choice. Environmentalist. Has nine times more campaign funds than Winograd. Endorsed by Mayor Villaraigosa and most Democratic officials.

- **Marcy Winograd (D)** – Anti-war platform. L.A. President of Progressive Democrats of America. Supports impeachment of Bush and Cheney. Opposes electronic voting. Supports universal single-payer health care. Supports CA Clean Money Supports women's right to choose, gay marriage>

Opposes death penalty. Supports corporate incentives for alternative energy. Endorsed by United Farm Workers, United Teachers of Los Angeles, Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, Tom Hayden.

- Brian Gibson (R) – Not a contender.

★The CA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH = STATE SENATE + ASSEMBLY

State Senate

State Senator; District 20 ★SEXY RACE: *San Fernando*

- Cindy Montanez (D) - Assembly Member 39th District, Chair of the Rules Committee. Pledges transportation bond for Valley. Assembly successes in urban environmental cleanup, consumer protection, and health care. Endorsed by: Daily News, La Opinion, Sierra Club and Mayor Villaraigosa.

- Alex Padilla (D) – Current Los Angeles City Councilman. Endorsed by United Farm Workers and City Council. Opposes Valley succession but advocate for fair share of resources and health care. Balanced budget successes on the City Council. Hired more police for his District.

State Senator; District 22–*South Pasadena, Vernon*

- Gilbert Cedillo (D) ◆- Sponsored bill to increase minimum wage. Proponent of immigrants rights

- Mike Ten (R) – Councilmember, South Pasadena.

State Senator; District 26–*Culver City*

- Mark Ridley-Thomas (D) ◆ - Current Assembly Member, 48th district. Voted to impeach Bush (symbolic vote). Introduced bill to protect pets at pet shops. Endorsed by Eric Garcetti, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club among many others.

- Marvin Columbus McCoy (D) Not a contender.

State Senator; District 28 ★Sexy Race –*Carson, Torrance, Venice*

- Jenny Oropeza (D) – Current Assembly Member 55th District. Transportation Committee. Endorsed by Sierra Club, Barbara Boxer, and Bill Rosendahl. Has worked to clean air around local airports.

- George Nakano (D) - Endorsed by Mayor Villaraigosa and Sierra Club. Created bill for hybrids to travel in carpool lane. Fights ocean pollution and protects wetlands.

- **David Lee Anstrom (R)** - Not a contender. Fighting the use of dangerous pesticides, use of mercury in tooth fillings and fluoridated water.
- **Cherryl Liddle (R)** – Not a contender. Affordable Healthcare platform.

State Assembly

Member of the State Assembly; District 39—Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley

- **Richard Alarcon (D)** - Unopposed. State Senator, Majority Whip. Ran for Mayor last year. Single focus on ending poverty in CA. Has been a champion for education, healthcare and workers rights.

Member of the State Assembly; District 40—Los Angeles: pushing north of Roscoe Blvd around CSU-Northridge, and west and south of Topanga Canyon Rd.

- **Lloyd E. Levine (D) ◆** - No contest. On Fabian Nunez's Leadership Team. Passions: fitness and solutions to transportation problems in L.A. Responsible for several recycling programs. Has a B.A. in Studio Art.
- **Armineh Chelebian (R)** – Not a contender. She has refused to state her issue positions for the primary. Assistant Treasurer of the L.A. County Republican Party. Endorsed by Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc.
- **Rick Montaine (R)** – Not a contender. No info. provided.

Member of the State Assembly; District 41—Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Calabasas

- **Barry Groveman (D)** - Former Calabasas Councilmember. Brought forward government reforms. Endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein
- **Jonathan Levey (D)** – Young candidate. Endorsed by LA Weekly. Environment is main focus.
- **Julia Brownley (D)** - Santa Monica/Malibu school District President. Endorsed by CA Democratic Party, Bill Rosendahl, CA NOW. Priorities: working families and education.
- **Kelly Hayes-Raitt (D)** – Anti-war platform. Endorsed by Martin Sheen, Sierra Club. Believes in Ranked Voting. Abiding by Clean Money Campaign Guidelines voluntarily. Will fight Big Box development (Wal* Mart, etc.).
- **Shawn Casey O'Brien (D)** - Author, Grassroots Activist. Fighting for Universal Health care, better workers' rights

- **Tony Dolz (R)** - National Security Analyst. Original "Minuteman" (vigilante Border Control).
- **Adriana Van Hemert (R)** - Not a contender.

Member of the Assembly, District 42 ★Sexy Race

West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Century City, Westwood, West LA, Brentwood, Bel Air, Hollywood, Hancock Park, Los Feliz, N. Hollywood, Valley Village, Toluca Lake, Universal City, Studio City, and Sherman Oaks.

- **Abbe Land (D)** - One of the founders of West Hollywood. In local government for 20 years. LA Times say she is, "easily the top candidate in any race." For Clean Money. Established the first Domestic Partner Registration in the Country. Wrote the city council resolution declaring west hollywood the 1st U.S. PRO-CHOICE city. Supported the grocery workers' strike. Sponsored resolution requiring White House to meet KYOTO Protocol environmental standards. Endorsed by: all the current City Council members, CA Nurses Assoc., Equality California, American Federation of Teachers, California Small Business Assoc.
- **Mike Feurer (D)** - lawyer & former member of the city council. Director of Bet Tzedek: he oversaw free legal representation of more than 50,000 elderly, disabled, and poor clients. Authored a measure which put City of LA on record opposing the Defense of Marriage Initiative. Wants to synchronize LA's traffic lights to combat traffic. Encouraged MTA to buy Natural gas buses and phase out diesel. Does not support Clean Money. Minimal government experience. Endorsed by the Assoc. of LA Deputy Sheriffs, AFL-CIO, Sierra Club, CA Fed. of Teachers, Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Member of the State Assembly; District 43—*Glendale, N. Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silverlake, and Burbank.*

- **Frank Quintero (D)** - Glendale Councilman and former mayor. Priorities: Increase Education Funding, Lower Class Sizes, and Oppose Vouchers. Pro-choice. Health Insurance for every child. Protect open space. Proponent of alternative fuels. Prohibit Convicted Sex Offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools. Endorsed by Congresswoman Hilda Solis, Assemblywoman Karen Bass, LA Council President Eric Garcetti, CA League of Conservation Voters, Firefighters and Policemen, AFL-CIO.
- **Paul Krekorian (D)** - President of Burbank Board of Education. During the LA Riots organized organized cross-cultural dialogue to assess LAPD response. Co-founded "Generation Next" mentorship program in L.A. public schools to prevent drug use and violence. Endorsed by the LA Times, Stonewall Democrats, The CA Optometric Association, The Humane Farming Assoc.
- **Michael M. Agbaba (R)** - Not a contender. Environmental Safety consultant. In appealing to his Party he notes that he is willing "to support [school] vouchers if he saw a voucher plan that worked."

Member of the State Assembly; District 44—Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood. A tiny chunk of Los Angeles that was pushed north to Burbank Blvd, but stripped of the piece of its southern flank that includes UCLA.

- **Anthony Portantino (D)** - Independent Filmmaker. La Canada-Flintridge City Council, former Mayor. Wants to implement ways for cities to share costs supporting public schools. Helped convert city buses from diesel fuel to natural gas. Appealed state raid on city budget and recovered repayments of 1.7 billion. Supports the entertainment industry as supplier of clean jobs with good pay and excellent benefits; wants to stop production from leaving CA. Has the most campaign dollars. Endorsements: 44th Dist. Assembly Member Carol Liu, State Sen. Jack Scott, Sheriff Lee Baca, Mayor Villaraigosa.

- **Diana Peterson-More (D)** - Lawyer and small business owner. Ran unsuccessfully in 2000. She and Portantino are the front-runners, both in terms of money raised and endorsements received. Endorsements: State Senator Sheila Kheul, National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), State Council of Laborers for California.

- **Brian Center (D)** - Not a contender. **Crime Prevention and Program Specialist** for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Creates policy to increase effectiveness of crime prevention efforts throughout the County. Advisor to Supervisor Gloria Molina.

- **Adam Murray (D)** - teacher, lawyer, housing advocate, political leader, advocate for workers' rights, and economics professor at community college. Most active candidate in outside causes, including president of an affordable-housing group. Started a center to assist illegal immigrants. Established a progressive think-tank. Endorsed by the LA Times

- **Scott Carwile (R)** - Not a contender.

Member of the State Assembly; District 45 ★SEXY RACE

A mid Los Angeles district centered on Elysian Park and Dodge Stadium and anchored on the south by a newly added chunk of East Los Angeles. Includes Beverly Hills and W. Hollywood.

- **Oscar A. Gutierrez (D)** - Not a contender. *Opportunistic Party* affiliation: ran in 2004 as a Republican and lost. Account Executive, Radio Producer, Record Label Promotions Executive. Priorities: State Budget, Public Safety, State Wide Security Reform, Energy and The Environment. Endorsements: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and California League of Off Road Voters. Also Supports: Decriminalization of Marijuana and Auto Insurance Reform.

- **Christine Chavez (D)** - Grand-daughter of Cesar Chavez. Political Director for his Union, United Farm Workers of America. Named *Latina Magazine's* "Woman of the Year" in 2004 and has the endorsement of well respected California State Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero of East Los Angeles. Also supports civil rights and same sex marriage rights.

- **Kevin De Leon (D)** - Senior Associate, National Education Assoc in D.C. Community organizer. Advocate for schools in low-income neighborhoods. Organized parent engagement at these schools. Coordinated a team that fought schemes to take funds from public schools in the form of taxpayer-

funded vouchers. Endorsed by old friend Mayor Villaraigosa, LA City Council President Eric Garcetti, California Democratic Party, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, The Sierra Club.

- **Elena Popp (D)** –Qualified Social Justice Attorney, college educator and activist. The progressive, current 45th District Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg picked Elena as her hopeful successor. Endorsed by Sheriff Lee Baca. L.A. Weekly reported that she is held in high regard by the Mayor and that he considered giving her his endorsement

- **Gabriel Buelna (D)** – Not a contender. Executive director of Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission in Boyle Heights since 2002. Self proclaimed “man of the neighborhood.”

- **Samantha E. Allen-Newman (R)** – Not a contender. Pro-choice. Happens to be only candidate with prior public office experience.

Member of the State Assembly; District 46– *Los Angeles, Huntington Park, and Maywood.*

- **Fabian Nunez (D) ◆**–Speaker of the Assembly (Majority Leader). No contest. Authored bills for clean air, small businesses, homeless, improved working conditions for hotel attendants, and energy sustainability.

Member of the State Assembly; District 47– *Los Angeles and Culver City, Ladera Heights, Baldwin Hills, View Park, Cheviot Hills, Westwood-UCLA and Windsor Hills.*

- **Karen Bass (D) ◆** - Progressive wonderful incumbent. No real threat to seat. Founded and Directed Community Coalition for 14 yrs working to reverse the affects of crack cocaine in South L.A. neighborhoods. Former City Council member: helped establish L.A. Bridges after-school gang prevention program

Member of the State Assembly; District 48 –*Los Angeles*

- **Mike Davis (D)** - County Supervisor's Deputy. 2004 Democrat of the Year, 48th District. Favored to win. Ran in 2002 and nearly won over Mark Ridley-Thomas. Top priorities: smaller class sizes, universal healthcare, reduced community college fees. Endorsed by Yvonne B. Burke, L.A. County Supervisor and Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

- **Edward R. Turner (D)** – *Delightfully* brings church and state together: Bishop and Sr. Field Deputy for Sheriff, Lee Baca.

- **Anthony Willoughby (D)** - Activist of the Year, 1998. Civil rights and business trial attorney; Dept of Water and Power; ACLU. Priorities: strengthen elementary school education, increase teachers salaries, universal healthcare, will propose a bill in his first 100 days in office to give a tax break to companies who bring their overseas call centers back to his district which has the largest %

unemployment rate in Los Angeles. Has spent more than \$80,000 of his own money. Endorsed by AFL-CIO (Labor Federation) and Planned Parenthood.

- **Brenda Carol Green (R)** – Not a contender. Q: What measures would you support to address California's water needs? A: "I would like to see water plants built in low-income neighborhoods that would have underground pipelines to the ocean. We could use that abundant resource to convert ocean water into purified drinking water. This would provide jobs to communities that desperately [sic] need them and it would provide Californians with an unlimited water supply." (smartvoter.org)

Board of Equalization—Only elected tax commission in the US. Makes Tax Administration accountable to the people.

Board of Equalization, District 2—Culver City, Norwalk, West Covina

- **Tim Raboy (D)** - Currently works at the Board. Priority to streamline office and crack down on tax evasion.
- **Tom Bright (D)** – Less experience than others. Was on Board of Directors of Sacramento Taxpayers League in the 90s. A weekend farmer since 1988.
- **Ed Streichman (R)** – "Integrity is important and that is why I have not solicited or accepted campaign contributions from anyone." Priority to create policy that keep agency employees honest.
- **Bill Leonard (R) ◆**- His professional background is in real estate and property management. Has a long history in politics.

Board of Equalization, District 3—West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Malibu, San Fernando Valley

- **Mary Christian-Heising (D)** – Businesswoman; educator; journalist
- **Michelle Steel (R)**- pledges to never vote to raise taxes
- **Lewis A. Da Silva**- Accountant; realtor
- **Ray Haynes (R)**
- **Hal "Jimbo" Styles (R)**-Naval background. Sites skill with "land & sea instruments."
- **Steve Petruzzo (R)** –currently a senior tax auditor

Board of Equalization, District 4

- **Vonny T. Abbott (D)** - Certified Public Accountant w/government experience. Pro Choice. Sierra Club. Peace activist.
- **Rita Rogers (D)** Businesswoman.
- **Jerome Horton (D)** 100% rating from Planned Parenthood. Taking Bush to court for cutting education. Challenging corporation tax practices
- **Judy Chu (D)** State Assemblywoman, 100% score from Sierra Club. Endorsed by Mayor Villaraigosa
- **John Y. Wong (R)**– Assessment Boards Chair
- **Sam Song Yong Park (R)** - State Assemblyman; Honorary Ambassador; US Army Reserve.
- **Glen Forsch (R)** – Businessman

Party Committee Races = Inter-Party politics. Too many to list and not true public offices.

Judicial – Non partisan positions. All vote for all office numbers.

Judicial Elections Evaluation Committee of the L.A. County Bar Association :

<http://www.lacba.org/Files/Main%20Folder/Documents/JEEC/Files/JEECFinalReport2006.pdf>

Rating System: *Exceptionally Well Qualified, Well Qualified, Qualified, Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 8

- Deborah L. Sanchez** – *Well Qualified*. Certificate of Appreciation, Day of Dialogue on Affirmative Action/Race Relations, Los Angeles City Council Members, Latina Lawyers Bar Association Endorses.
- Bob Henry** – *Qualified*
- Alan H. Friedenthal** – *Well Qualified*. Endorsed by the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Assn. of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs

Superior Court Office No. 18

- Daviann L. Mitchell** – *Qualified*. Former police officer, narcotics and service dog expert. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times and the Daily Breeze.
- Richard H. Loomis** – *Well Qualified*. AB, Swarthmore College 1976. Candidate, Master of Divinity, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena
- David Crawford, III** – *Not Qualified*
- Richard A. Nixon** – *Not Qualified*
- John C. Gutierrez** – *Qualified*. Endorsed by Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (MABA), Stonewall Democratic Party.
- Stephen M. Feldman** – *Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 28

- Judith L. Meyer** – *Exceptionally Well Qualified*. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.
- S. Paul Bruguera** – *Qualified*
- Douglas W. Weitzman** – *Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 95

- Richard Kraft** – *Well Qualified*. Top Priority: "Dignity for victims and witnesses." Endorsed by U.S. Reps Maxine Waters and Diane Watson, Sheriff Lee Baca, L.A. County Democratic Party, Mexican American Bar Association, Stonewall Democratic Club, Latina Lawyers PAC, AFL-CIO.
- Susan L. Lopez-Giss** – *Well Qualified*. Drafted California's first domestic violence prosecution program in 1978. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times, National Women's Political Caucus, and Progressive Democratic Club.

Superior Court Office No. 102

- C. Edward Mack**—*Qualified*. Top priority: "establish a juvenile court Early Prevention/Parental Intervention program." Endorsed by L.A. County Democratic Party and San Fernando Valley Republican Club.
- Hayden Zacky**—*Well Qualified*. Criminal Gang Prosecutor. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times and Law Enforcement community.
- George C. Montgomery**—*Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 120

- Dzintra I. Janavs**—*Exceptionally Well Qualified*. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times. Participated in LA County Bar Minority Student Law Mentor Program
- Lynn Diane Olson**—*Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 122

- Daniel J. Lowenthal**—*Qualified*. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times and Mayor Villaraigosa
- Robert Davenport**—*Not Qualified*

Superior Court Office No. 144

- Edward J. Nison**—*Qualified*
- Stephen H. Beecher**—*Not Qualified*
- Janis Levart Barquist**—*Well Qualified*. Endorsed by Progressive Democratic Club, Stonewall Democratic Club
- David W. Stuart**—*Well Qualified*. Justice for Homicide Victims Award Winner. Endorsed by Los Angeles Times, AFL-CIO
- Larry H. Layton**—*Not Qualified*
- Maria Rivas Hamar**—*Qualified*
- Randolph Martin Hammock**—*Well Qualified*. Speaks fluent sign language. Endorsed by the Daily Breeze and Long Beach Press.

School—Non-partisan positions. All vote.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

- **Sarah L. Knopp** - Teaches at an alternative high school in L.A. Criticized O'Connell's "testing and accountability craze." Calls for more money to lower class sizes and improve the quality of schools.
- **Daniel L. Bunting** - Cloverdale school board in Sonoma County. Wants to increase school funding and get parents more involved.
- **Grant McMicken** - High school teacher in Sacramento. Says O'Connell is out of touch with classroom realities. Stress on career and technical education for students not bound for college.
- **Diane A. Lenning** - Orange County high school teacher; Chaired a GOP educational caucus. Backs efforts to make campuses safer, and local control of schools. Outspoken supporter of unpopular Special Election Prop 75: Union dues (remember??). Endorsed by Silicon Valley Young Republican Federation of California.

- **Jack O'Connell** ◆ - No challenger has raised sufficient support. Reputation as the leading proponent and defender of the high school exit exam. Dedicated to closing the achievement gap between rich and poor, white and nonwhite. Endorsed by all unions.

County—non partisan positions. All vote.

Assessor, County of Los Angeles—Property Tax Master

- **Rick Auerbach** ◆ Been "assessing" for most of his career. Runs marathons.
- **John Lower Taxes Loew** - Actually submitted his name as it appears.

Sheriff, County of Los Angeles—Department provides law enforcement and oversees the jails.

- **Ray Leyva** - Wants to bring fairness to attract personnel to depleted Sheriff's force.
- **Paul L. Jernigan, Jr.** - Tagline is "Back to Basics" but he lists first priority is to invest in hi-tech. Lists crime prevention last in list of priorities
- **Don Meredith**
- **Lee Baca** ◆ - This month announced new tightened policy on early release of violent criminals.
- **Ken Masse** - Endorsed by well respected Police Officers Research Association of California and Deputy Sheriff's Union. Interesting that the Union is not supporting the incumbent.

Supervisor **County of Los Angeles**—serving as the executive and legislative head of the largest county government in the US: adopts annual budget and makes policy decisions for the administration of County departments

Supervisor, District 1—Downtown L.A. & East L.A.

- **Andrew "Andres Jason" Ahlering**
- **David Sanchez** - Priorities: Work program, fight dropout through community building.
- **Carlos Alberto Leyva**
- **Gloria Molina** ◆ - 1st Latina elected to County Board of Supervisors. Active in MALDEF (Mexican-American Legal Defense Council)

Supervisor, District 3—W. Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Valley, Malibu, Santa Monica

- **David R. Hernandez** - no info
- **Randy Springer** - Sheriff Sergeant, Lists Christianity, Pornography, & Terrorism as top issues
- **Zev Yaroslavsky** ◆ - Headed successful effort to tax tobacco to fund child healthcare in L.A. County. Fights for transparency in government decision making processes.

State Propositions

Proposition 81

Question: Should the state sell \$600 million in bonds for renovation of local library facilities?

Answer: A broad coalition of teachers, business, organized labor and major newspapers think so.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-library23may23,1,3211326.story?coll=la-headlines-california>

Proposition 82 Make Preschool available to all regardless of income. Fund by tax on incomes over \$400,000.

PRO: Right now only 1 in 5 children has access to pre-school. Endorsed by Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa, Gubernatorial candidates Steve Westly and Phil Angelides, and former Republican L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan are in favor. Opposition is funded largely by Gap family heir John Fisher and venture capitalist William Bowes.

CON: Opponents say new money should go to public schools that already exist. Concerns exist that this is a self-promotional vehicle for Rob Reiner's political aspirations although he was made to step away from the project due to ethics.

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