# REFORM CALIFORNA LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTING GUIDE

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Carl DeMaio and Reform California have released their "Plain English" voter guide to give you an easy-to-understand explanation of the ballot measures and grade candidates in Los Angeles county.

California's Primary Election is underway and ballots must be returned by June 7, 2022. With a bunch of confusing ballot measures and hundreds of candidates running for office, voters can feel overwhelmed and lost.

This "Plain English" voter guide makes voting simple – especially when it comes to the ballot measures and local offices that do not allow candidates to disclose their party affiliation. Endorsements below are given only to candidates who "passed the test" on these crucial criteria: opposing taxes, fighting crime, improving schools, creating jobs, and defending personal freedoms.

2022 offers a real chance for a wave election to block costly tax hikes and elect common-sense leaders - but to do that we need your help in turning out your friends, family and neighbors to vote and share this easy-to-understand voter guide with them!

You are also invited to attend one of the free "Barbeque, Beer, and Ballots" events scheduled in multiple locations around San Diego County where you can hear Carl DeMaio will walk through the voter guide and answer your questions, meet the leading candidates running for office, and learn how you can become more active in local politics! Learn more and RSVP at the "Barbeque, Beer, & Ballots" button at the end of this guide below.

## **Statewide Candidate Races**

#### Governor

Brian Dahle

**Lt. Governor** Angela Underwood Jacobs

> Attorney General Nathan Hochman

Treasurer

Andrew Do

**Controller** Lahnee Chen

Secretary of State Rob Bernosky Superintendent of Public Instruction Lance Christensen

State Insurance Commissioner Greg Conlon

State Board of Equalization Denis Bilodeau

## **US Senate and US House**

**US Senate** Mark Meuser

US Congress - District 23 Jay Obernolte

US Congress - District 26 Matt Jacobs or Fadde Mikhail

US Congress - District 27 Mike Garcia

US Congress - District 28 Wes Hallman

US Congress - District 29 Rudy Melendez

US Congress - District 30 Ronda Kennedy

US Congress - District 31 Daniel Bocic Martinez

US Congress - District 32 Lucie Lapointe Volotzky **US Congress - District 34** Clifton Rio Torrado VonBuck

US Congress - District 35 Anyone but Norma Torres

US Congress - District 36 Derrick Gates

US Congress - District 37 Baltazar "Bong" Fedalizo

US Congress - District 38 Eric Ching

US Congress - District 42 John Briscoe

US Congress - District 43 Allison Pratt

US Congress - District 44 Paul Jones

US Congress - District 45 Michelle Steel

## **State Legislature**

State Senate - District 20 Ely De La Cruz Ayao

State Senate - District 22 Vincent Tsai

State Senate - District 28 Joe Lisuzzo State Senate - District 30 Mitch Clemmons

State Senate - District 34 Rhonda Shader

State Senate - District 36 Janet Nguyen

## **State Assembly**

State Assembly - District 34 Tom Lackey

State Assembly - District 39 Paul Andre Marsh

State Assembly - District 40 Suzette Martinez Valladares

State Assembly - District 42 Lori Mills

State Assembly - District 44 Barry Curtis Jacobsen

State Assembly - District 46 Dana Caruso

State Assembly - District 49 Burton Brink

State Assembly - District 51 You're Doomed

State Assembly - District 52 Gia D'Amato State Assembly - District 53 Toni Holle

State Assembly - District 55 Keith Girolamo Cascio

State Assembly - District 56 Jessica Martinez

State Assembly - District 61 James Arlandus Spencer

**State Assembly - District 62** Anybody but Anthony Rendon

State Assembly - District 64 Raul Ortiz

State Assembly - District 66 George Barks

State Assembly - District 67 Soo Yoo

## **Superior Court Candidate Races**

Judge – Superior Court Office 156 Definitely Not Albert Robles

Judge – Superior Court Office 151 Definitely Not Thomas Allison or Patrick Hare

Judge – Superior Court Office 118 Keith Koyano

Judge – Superior Court Office 116 Definitely Not Lloyd Handler

**Judge – Superior Court Office 90** Definitely Not Mellisa Lyons, Nas Khoury or Kevin McGurk

Judge – Superior Court Office 70 Definitely Not Holly Hancock

**Judge – Superior Court Office 67** Definitely Not Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes

Judge – Superior Court Office 67 You are doomed.

Judge – Superior Court Office 3 Tim Reuben

## **County Candidate Races**

Board of Supervisors - District 1 Brian Smith

Board of Supervisors - District 3 Roxanne Beckford Hoge **County Sheriff** You're doomed

## **Ballot Measures**

#### City of Antelope Valley

#### Measure H Issue 30-year General Obligation Bonds To Rebuild Hospital NO

This measure will be a massive \$400 million debt obligation for the people of Antelope Valley. While the measure says that it will go toward building a new hospital, it provides little reasoning for why the existing hospital is insufficient beyond a theoretical threat of earthquake safety. These claims are dubious and not enough to justify a \$400 million project at taxpayer expense. Moreover, funds for improvements can be secured in other ways without putting residents in debt.

#### <u>City of Avalon</u>

#### Measure S Increase Sales Tax by 0.25% NO

This measure is a shameless tax increase on the residents of Avalon. Sales taxes collected by the increase will go toward the government general fund, where they can be used for any and all purposes. There is no direct voter input on how this tax revenue will be spent. The measure also claims the tax increase can be ended by voters in the future — of course — though tax increases are rarely if ever repealed.

#### Measure TT Increase Taxes on Hotel/ Motel Guests by 1% NO

This measure will increase taxes on hotel/motel guests in the city from 12 to 13 percent. Taxes collected by the increase will go toward the government general fund, where they can be used for any and all purposes. There is no direct voter input on how this tax revenue will be spent. Additionally, there is little analysis of how this increase might deter tourism or visitors in the city, which could lead to decreased revenue overall.

#### <u>City of Beverly Hills</u>

#### Measure TL Impose 3 Term Lifetime Limit on City Council and City Treasurer NO

This measure will limit the amount of terms that City Councilmembers and the City Treasurer can serve to three terms. These offices are the most publicly followed and covered within the city, and citizens are more likely to be educated and familiar with these officeholders than other offices. If the people are happy with their representation in the city enough to keep re-electing them, it stands to reason that they should have the right to do so. If voters wish to oust someone from their position, they can vote for different candidates. Your vote is a term limit in itself.

#### City Of Glendale

#### Measure T Impose 3 Term Lifetime Limit on School Board Members YES

Unlike the City Council, voters are less likely to be familiar with other offices throughout the city, which can allow continuous re-election of bad faith actors. Schools throughout California are falling behind, and a term limit will help bring fresh ideas and root out corruption in the school district.

#### <u>City of Little Lake</u>

#### Measure LL Issue \$36 Million in Bonds for School Improvements NO

This measure will be a massive \$36 million debt obligation for the people of Little Lake. This measure claims that it will provide funding for school repairs and improvements with audits and oversight, but that claim is dubious. There is little proof that the funds will not be raided and diverted to other projects. Moreover, funds for school improvements can be secured in other ways without putting residents in debt.

#### City of Los Angeles

#### Measure BB Give Preference on Bid Contracts to Los Angeles Residents NO

This measure claims to maintain competitive bidding, but in the same breath says it will give special preference on bids to Los Angeles residents. This is by definition NOT competitive bidding — if a bid from outside of Los Angeles offers a better deal and it's rejected based on location of the bidder, that does a financial disservice to taxpayers who are on the line for the bill. Not to mention, this measure is REALLY meant to rig bids by giving preference to labor union contractors only.

#### City of Lynwood

#### Measure R Impose Term Limit of 3 Consecutive Terms on City Council YES

This measure will limit the amount of terms for the City Council to a consecutive 3 terms. This is a compromise between no term limits and a lifetime term limit. It will provide a pause in service that can bring in new councilmembers and fresh ideas, but the city residents can re-elect a past member if truly deserving of continued service.

#### City of Manhattan Beach

#### Measure A Establish New Annual \$1,095 Property Tax NO

This measure is a massive tax increase. It will impose an annual flat tax of \$1,095.00 on each real property parcel within the City of Manhattan Beach, and adjusted annually for inflation, for a period of twelve years. The funding will allegedly be spent on education improvements and provide tax exemptions for low-income individuals and seniors who use their property as a principal residence, but those claims are dubious.

#### <u>City of Monrovia</u>

#### Measure RM Make Mayoral Position Appointed Instead of Elected NO

This measure will eliminate the directly elected Mayor position and establish an annual rotation process among City Councilmembers for the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. This takes power out of the hands of voters and gives it to the City Government, which minimizes your say in how your city is run. A "NO" vote will keep the Mayor elected by the people.

#### City of South Gate

#### **Measure CC Eliminates Direct Election of City Clerk NO**

This measure makes the City Clerk an appointed position, rather than elected by the people. This takes power out of the hands of voters and gives it to the City Government, which minimizes your say in how your city is run. A "NO" vote will keep the City Clerk elected by the people.

#### City of Torrence

#### Measure SST Add 0.5% Sales Tax NO

This measure will establish a 0.5% sales tax in Torrence — a shameless tax increase. Sales taxes collected by the increase will go toward the government general fund, where they can be used for any and all purposes. There is no direct voter input on how this tax revenue will be spent. The measure also claims the tax increase can be ended by voters in the future — of course — though tax increases are rarely if ever repealed.

All other local ballot measures have been moved to the November runoff election.

## **Election Integrity: The S.A.F.E. Way to Vote**

Reform California has proposed a ballot measure to require voter ID in California for all future elections. Until that is law, we urge you to secure your vote using this S.A.F.E method:

<u>SEND</u>: Mail in your vote on Day 1 of the election. Do NOT wait until Election Day as the county has cut back on polling locations and long lines will suppress the vote. Voting on Day 1 also gives you the full 30 days of the election to fix problems and verify your vote is counted!

<u>AUDIT</u>: Track and verify your ballot was 1) received and 2) counted online at www.SDVOTE.com. Check every few days until your vote is verified.

FIX: If your vote is not shown as received and counted by day 20 of the election, go to the nearest Polling Center near you and demand a second "provisional" ballot and vote in-person. Do NOT wait until Election Day.

EXAMINE: Sign up as a volunteer with our Election Integrity team to monitor the counting of ballots.

Questions? Problems? Volunteer with our Election Integrity team? Visit www.ElectionIntegrityCA.com

## Join the Fight: Help Us Reach More Voters

Reform California is leading the fight to win seats and defeat tax hikes in California! We need YOUR help to win in 2022!

<u>SHARE</u>: Please share this voter guide with your friends and neighbors so they know where candidates really stand on important issues. Invite them to join you in attending the upcoming "Barbeque, Beer, & Ballots" event.

<u>CONTRIBUTE</u>: 100% of funds we raise are used to reach target voters in your area! PLUS: We use our monthly fundraising results to seek matching funds from national donors to help in the fight here in California.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteering is easy and can be done from home!

## Contribute or sign up at ReformCalifornia.org

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