

OVERVIEW OF 2015 CITY OF LOS ANGELES ELECTIONS

Primary Election Date: March 3, 2015

- City Council Districts 2,4,6,8,10,12,14
- LAUSD Board seats 1,3,5,7
- LA Community College Board seats 1,3,5,7
- Charter Amendment 1 &2

General Election Date: May 19, 2015

- City Council District 4
 - LAUSD seats 3,5,7

City Council

The City Council members elected in this primary will serve five-and-a-half-year terms. The passage of Charter Amendment 1 will mean a one-time lengthening of the terms of city and school board officials elected in the 2015 and 2017 elections, with future elections being held in even-numbered years. More information on the charter amendments is below.

CD 2



Councilman Paul Krekorian was successful in his bid for a second term representing the 2nd District with 74.67% of votes, which includes North Hollywood, Studio City, Valley Village and Van Nuys, against challenger Eric Preven (25.32%), a television writer.

CD 4



The race to replace termed-out Councilman Tom LaBonge in the 4th District will move to a May 19 runoff election, with 14 candidates splitting the vote and preventing any candidate from earning the more than 50 percent needed to win the seat outright.



Carolyn Ramsay, Chief of Staff to Councilman Tom LaBonge, led the pack with 15.32 % of the votes while **David Ryu**, UCLA Alum a director at the Kedren Acute Psychiatric Hospital and Community Health Center, placed second with 14.61%.

Government and Community relations will be sponsoring a candidate forum for the CD 4 general election.

CD 6



In the eastern San Fernando Valley's 6th District, incumbent **Councilwoman Nury Martinez** (60.93%) easily defeated former Assemblywoman Cindy Montanez (39.06%).

CD 8



Marqueece Harris-Dawson (61.17%), a former executive director of Community Coalition, defeated three other candidates to replace termed-out Councilman Bernard Parks. His term will begin on June 3, 2015.

CD 10



Council President Herb Wesson (63.45%) was re-elected over Koreatown activist Grace Yoo (29.51%) and Delaney Smith (7.03%). This will be his final four year term on the City Council.

Council President Wesson recently sponsored Luskin School of Public Affairs Day at City Hall on February 27th bringing 20 students to interview key policy makers, community leaders, and stakeholders on digital innovation in Los Angeles.

CD 12



Councilman Mitch Englander ran unopposed to continue representing the communities of Reseda, North Hills, Northridge, Chatsworth and Porter Ranch.

CD 14



Councilman Jose Huizar, UCLA alum (**65.75%**) will return for his third and final term representing the district that stretches from Boyle Heights to downtown Los Angeles. He defeated former LA County Supervisor Gloria Molina (23.93%).

Government and Community relations held two candidate forums in CD 14 prior to this primary election.

LAUSD Board of Education

Los Angeles Unified School District board members Tamar Galatzan, Bennett Kayser and Richard Vladovic will have to compete in a May 19 runoff election as they fight to retain their seats, while incumbent George McKenna won re-election having no challengers.

Seat 1

George McKenna ran unopposed for his re-election to represent South LA schools.

Seat 3

Incumbent **Tamar Galatzan**, UCLA Alum (39.34%) faces a runoff with Scott Schmerelson (20.06%).

Seat 5

Incumbent **Bennet Kayser** (35.84%) faces a runoff with Ref Rodriguez (38.63%).

Seat 7

Incumbent **Richard Vladovic** (42.90%) faces a runoff with Lydia Gutierrez (37.75%).

Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is the largest community college district in the United States. The LACCD consists of nine colleges (LA Mission, Pierce, LA Valley, LA City, West LA, Southwest, LA Harbor, East LA, LA Trade Tech).

For this election, candidates only need to receive the most votes to win- they do not have to acquire 50% plus one. There is no runoff election for the LACCD Board of Trustees.

Seat 1

In a race too close to call, **Andra Hoffman** (35.58%) a community college administrator is leading **Francesca Vega** (34.99%), Government and Community Relations Director at CSUN and former UCLA G&CR staffer. Hoffman is ahead by 245 votes. The results are not yet official as absentee and vote by mail ballots are still being counted.

Seat 3

District Director for Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell, **Sydney Kamlager** (50.90%) easily defeated her opponents Jozef Essavi (14.72%), Sam Kbushyan (13.73%), Glenn Bailey (20.62%) to represent seat 3.

Seat 5

Incumbent **Scott Svonkin** (62.16%) will continue to represent seat 5.

Seat 7

Mike Fong, UCLA Alum (58.22%) easily defeated his opponents Joyce Garcia (19.75%) and John Burke (22.02%) to represent seat 7.

Charter Amendments

Charter Amendment 1 passed with 76.93% and Charter Amendment 2 also passed with 76.46%.

Currently, City and State elections are held in different years. The City Charter requires City and LAUSD elections to be held in March and May of odd numbered years. State elections are held in June and November of even numbered years.

These amendments will change the City's (amendment 1) and LAUSD's (amendment 2) election dates to the same dates as State elections beginning in 2020. To shift to the new election dates, candidates elected in 2015 and 2017 would serve a term of 5/1 2 years.