



Local general elections and a special election were held in the City of Los Angeles on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Outlined are the election results for the Offices of Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, and odd-numbered City Council Districts. Also included are results for the special election in City Council District 6, Ballot Measures, Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, and Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES

### **Mayor**

City Councilmember **Eric Garcetti** defeated City Controller Wendy Greuel 53.92 percent to 46.07 percent.

Garcetti is the first elected Jewish Mayor and is the outgoing three-term Councilmember of the Thirteenth District of Los Angeles. A fourth-generation Angeleno, Garcetti won a hotly-contested election to the Los Angeles City Council in 2001, becoming one of the youngest city councilmembers in the city's history. He was unanimously elected as Council President in 2005 and unanimously re-elected in 2007 and 2009.



During his term in office, Garcetti emerged as an effective local problem-solver and as a strong advocate on citywide and national issues. He led the effort to fund the nation's largest Affordable Housing Trust Fund, oversaw the economic and cultural revitalization of Hollywood, wrote and championed Proposition O to clean up our local water, won passage of a plan that eliminated the city's business tax for 60 percent of all businesses, and helped bring thousands of new high wage jobs to Los Angeles and his district.

Garcetti studied urban planning and political science at Columbia University, where he received his B.A. and M.A. in International Relations. He studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and the London School of Economics.

### **UCLA Interactions**

Garcetti attended UCLA Lab School, graduating in 1982. He is the son of former City Attorney Gil Garcetti who received his J.D. in 1967 from UCLA.

### **City Attorney**

Former Assemblymember **Mike Feuer** defeated incumbent City Attorney Carmen “Nuch” Trutanich 62.14 percent to 37.85 percent.

Feuer is a former Assemblymember and former City Councilmember. As Assemblymember, Feuer authored many important laws enacted by the Legislature including legislation to: transform Los Angeles's transportation system; ensure health care coverage for children, including those with pre-existing conditions; reduce cancer-causing toxins in consumer products; require major statewide water conservation; broaden access to justice; prohibit state contracts with companies heavily invested in Iran's energy sector; and protect seniors.



Prior, Feuer served on the Los Angeles City Council for six years, where he represented UCLA and worked closely with our campus. Prior to his Council service he led Bet Tzedek Legal Services, The House of Justice, which provided free legal assistance to more than 50,000 primarily elderly and disabled clients during his tenure.

### **UCLA Interactions**

Feuer has taught at the UCLA School of Law and the Luskin School of Public Affairs. Feuer has expressed a strong interest in UCLA's smart water systems research, green technology, and the California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI). Feuer held a forum at CNSI with a focus on the commercial regulation of nanoparticles.

## **City Controller**

**Ron Galperin** defeated City Councilmember Dennis Zine 56.20 percent to 43.79 percent

Galperin is an attorney, educator, journalist, cantor, and community leader. With the values of hard work and forward thinking he learned from his immigrant parents, he has applied his knowledge and commitment to serve numerous charitable, political, neighborhood, and community organizations.



As an attorney, he has built a strong transactional and litigation practice, and is an often-cited expert. He is a frequent public speaker and a passionate educator – teaching diverse classes in civics and other subjects. His experience as a journalist is highlighted by hundreds of articles and opinion pieces he has authored for the Los Angeles Times and many other local and national publications. Galperin has started and managed several successful businesses, and he has served as a cantor for more than 25 years — including two decades at a congregation in Los Angeles.

Galperin is Chair of the City of Los Angeles Commission on Revenue Efficiency (CORE) – which is tasked with reforming how the City generates revenue and funds operations – and is President of the City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission. He is also a member of the County of Los Angeles Quality & Productivity Commission and the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.

## **District 1**

Former Assemblymember **Gilbert Cedillo ('77)** defeated District 1 Chief of Staff Jose Gardea 52.44 percent to 47.55 percent.

In November 2010, Cedillo took his third oath of office to become Assemblymember for the 45th District, which includes parts of Los Angeles and East Los Angeles. He took his first oath of office as Assemblymember for the 46th District after winning a special election in 1997 and his second in 2002 as State Senator for the 22nd District.



Cedillo focuses on the issues of working class and immigrant communities. He is best known for his tireless commitment to passing legislation to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses. Cedillo's passions also extend to issues of homelessness, transportation, access to health care, veterans' issues, and financial aid for undocumented immigrant students, among many others.

Cedillo attended UCLA for his undergraduate studies and received a Juris Doctor degree from the People's College of Law. He grew up in Boyle Heights and attended Roosevelt High School.

## **UCLA Interactions**

Cedillo received his B.A. in Sociology from UCLA in 1977.

Cedillo recently spoke to students at Royce Hall about the importance of his proposed legislation - AB 130 – the California Dream Act. In July 2011, Chancellor Block joined Cedillo when Governor Brown signed the Dream Act (AB 130) into law.

Annually, G&CR has hosted Cedillo's Young Legislator program on campus. The program conducts discussion on policy topics and provides campus tours for prospective students.

### **District 6-Special Election**

A Special Election was held for Council District 6 concurrently during this election. The seat became vacant when former Councilmember Tony Cárdenas was elected to represent the 29<sup>th</sup> District of the U.S. Congress. A total of six candidates qualified to appear on the ballot.

The two primary candidates running are former Assemblymember **Cindy Montañez** and LAUSD Board member **Nury Martinez**.

Montañez, a former California State Assemblymember, has represented the City of San Fernando as a Councilmember and Mayor. Montañez has served on the Los Angeles City Planning Commission and the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. Montañez also served as Assistant General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Montañez attended UCLA as an undergraduate student and currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

Martinez formerly represented the City of San Fernando as a Councilmember and Mayor. In 2009, Martinez was elected to District 6 of the LAUSD Board of Education, where she has worked to expand access to quality education for all communities, raise standards for college and career readiness, and ensure safe and secure schools for all students. Martinez is also the leader of Pacoima Beautiful, an organization dedicated to creating sustainable, healthy, and beautiful communities in the Valley.

Montañez and Martinez will advance to the July 23, 2013 runoff with 43.54 percent and 23.93 percent of the vote, respectively.



Former Assemblymember  
Cindy Montañez



School Board Member  
Nury Martinez

### **District 9**

Former State Senator **Current Price, Jr.** defeated Ana Cubas 52.75 percent to 47.24 percent

Price was elected to the California State Assembly in 2006 to represent the 51st District, and was re-elected in 2008. In May 2009, Price was elected to represent the 26th District in the State Senate.

Price is a strong advocate for investing in public schools, empowering parents, and challenging all students to meet higher academic standards. He has led efforts to support homecare workers, hotel workers, security guards, and others in order to help them obtain better wages and benefits.



### **UCLA Interactions**

Price was awarded “Legislator of the Year” by the University of California Student Association.

Price partnered with UCLA for the Summer Youth Internship Program.

### **District 13**

**Mitch O’Farrell** defeated John J. Choi 53.05 percent to 46.94 percent.

Active in the community of Glassell Park over the last twenty-one years, O’Farrell began a career in public service in 2002, working in the 13th City Council District on behalf of Councilmember Eric Garcetti, and served there until 2012.

O’Farrell has served as President of the Glassell Park Improvement Association, and co-founded the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, which became the third certified Neighborhood Council in the city in 2002. His accomplishments there include the creation of the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center, the Glassell Park Community Garden, and, the soon to be, Glassell Park Farmers Market.



## WINNERS FROM MARCH 5, 2013 PRIMARY ELECTION

### District 3

Assemblymember **Bob Blumenfield** won this district with 51.6 percent of the vote.

Blumenfield was elected to the State Assembly in November 2008 to represent the 40th Assembly District. The district spans the northwest portion of Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley.

Blumenfield is considered a "pragmatic progressive" and has pursued policies of social justice, green-tech, and clean-tech. He has authored several new laws, including a law that will help push education into the 21st century, by making digital textbooks a viable option for school districts.

A consistent opponent of proposals to eliminate crucial health and social services programs, Blumenfield has championed Cal Grant student loans for low-income students, and fought to protect domestic violence shelters, and safety net programs that help senior citizens stay in their homes.

### **UCLA Interactions**

Blumenfield graduated from the Anderson School of Management Executive Program in 2002. He is married to Kafi D. Blumenfield who received her J.D. in 1997 from UCLA.



### District 5

Incumbent Councilmember **Paul Koretz ('79)** won re-election with 74 percent of the vote.

Born in the San Fernando Valley, Koretz was raised and schooled on the Westside.

In 2000, Koretz was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the 42nd Assembly District that includes much of the City of Los Angeles' 5th Council District. He was reelected twice to his assembly post, serving the maximum-allowed three terms. In that capacity, he served as Chair of the Assembly Labor Committee, championing environmental bills and leading efforts to reduce gun violence.

Koretz's wife, Gail, is also a UCLA Alumni, and was a longtime aide to then-Councilmember Joel Wachs. Their daughter, Rachel, recently graduated from UCLA.

### **UCLA Interactions**

Koretz received his B.S. in history from UCLA in 1979. Koretz also founded the Bruin Democrats.



### **District 7**

Assemblymember **Felipe Fuentes ('94)** won this district with 51.3 percent of the vote.

Fuentes was elected to the State Legislature in May 2007 to represent the 39th Assembly District.

Fuentes has addressed issues of healthcare, transportation, housing, identity protection, energy, and the environment. He authored legislation to: allow cities and counties to adopt nuisance abatement ordinances for the impoundment of vehicles used to commit prostitution and illegal dumping crimes, assist with new residential construction jobs in communities blighted with vacant lots, and require stricter scrutiny of auto dismantler license applications.



### **UCLA Interactions**

Fuentes received his B.A. in Political Science from UCLA in 1994.

Fuentes introduced AB 5, which would require school districts to use test scores as part of their teacher evaluation. He has expressed interest in working with Center X.

Fuentes has also shown interest in energy policy, and climate and land use planning.

### **District 11**

District 11 Chief of Staff **Mike Bonin** won this district with 61.2 percent of the vote.

Bonin is a community leader and grassroots activist with a track record of fighting for Westside neighborhoods for nearly two decades. As Councilmember Bill Rosendahl's Chief of Staff, Bonin has worked since 2005 to promote public safety, relieve traffic congestion, protect the environment, and make government more efficient and accountable to local residents.



Bonin has worked to give residents of the district a voice in some of the biggest projects in Los Angeles history. He helped jump-start modernization at LAX, creating thousands of jobs while minimizing the impact on local residents. He is currently working to bring mass transit to the Westside via the Expo Line, serving as an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority.

In 2003 and 2004, Bonin served as district director for U.S. Congresswoman Jane Harman. Before that, Bonin worked for seven years for former City Councilmember Ruth Galanter, serving as legislative deputy, district director, and deputy chief of staff. While working for Galanter, he handled public safety and environmental policy, as well as major district projects like the renovation of Venice Beach.

## **District 15**

Incumbent Councilmember **Joe Buscaino** won re-election with 83.3 percent of the vote.

Buscaino is Chair of the Public Works Committee. Buscaino is tasked with oversight of the Department of Public Works, and its Bureaus of Sanitation, Street Services, Street Lighting, Engineering, and Contract Administration. The Department of Public Works is the City's third largest department and is comprised of a staff of more than 5,000 employees who are responsible for the construction, renovation, and operation of City facilities and infrastructure. The Department builds the City's streets, installs its sewers, and constructs storm drains as well as public buildings, rights-of-way, and service facilities.



Buscaino attended Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington, transferred to UCLA, and graduated with honors from California State University, Dominguez Hills with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. He was hired by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1996.

## **UCLA Interactions**

G&CR partnered with the Port of Los Angeles to hold a reception to welcome Buscaino to office.

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES BALLOT MEASURES

### **Proposition C: City of Los Angeles Limits to Campaign Spending and Rights of Corporations**

The passage of Proposition C supports a Constitutional Amendment regarding limits on political campaign spending and rights of corporations.

The passage adopts a resolution that:

- Imposes limits on political campaign spending
- Declares that corporations should not have the constitutional rights of human beings
- Instructs "Los Angeles elected officials and area legislative representatives to promote that policy through amendments to the United States Constitution"

***Proposition C passed, receiving a 76.56 percent yes vote and 23.43 percent no vote.***

### **Proposition D: City of Los Angeles Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulation (referred by City Council)**

The passage of Proposition D will regulate businesses where marijuana is cultivated, processed, distributed, delivered, or given away to qualified patients or primary caregivers by:

- Allowing the 135 dispensaries approved under the interim control ordinance of September 2007 to stay open, if they follow the city's rules on proximity to schools, churches, and neighborhoods.
- Exempting dwelling units used by three or fewer patients/caregivers to cultivate medical marijuana on-site for their patients or themselves.
- Placing a new tax of \$60 per \$1,000 of marijuana sold. This represents an increase of \$10 per \$1,000 of sales over current levels of marijuana taxation.

***Proposition D passed, receiving a 62.57 percent yes vote and 37.42 percent no vote.***

### **Initiative Ordinance E: City of Los Angeles Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulation**

The passage of Initiative Ordinance E would have banned all medical marijuana dispensaries except the shops that were registered before 2007. This would have permanently capped the number of medical marijuana dispensaries in the city at 135.

***Initiative Ordinance E failed, receiving a 65.44 percent no vote and 34.55 percent yes vote.***

### **Initiative Ordinance F: City of Los Angeles Medical Marijuana Regulation and Taxation**

The passage of Initiative Ordinance F would have required collectives to register with the City and meet other requirements and operational standards with no limitation on the number of collectives that can register. Also, City tax would have increased on these businesses from \$50 to \$60 for each \$1,000 of gross receipts.

***Initiative Ordinance F failed, receiving a 59.11 percent no vote and 40.88 percent yes vote.***

## LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### District 6

Fifth-grade school teacher **Monica Ratliff ('02)** defeated educator and community organizer Antonio Sanchez ('12) 51.87 percent to 48.12 percent.

Ratliff, prior to becoming a LAUSD teacher, was a public interest lawyer with the NAACP and for Neighborhood Legal Services in Pacoima. Ratliff left her legal work to pursue a Masters in Education from UCLA's Teacher Education Program that focuses on social justice in education.

Ratliff was raised in Arizona attended Columbia University for her bachelors and obtained her law degree from Columbia Law School.



### **UCLA Interactions**

Ratliff received her Master of Education from UCLA in 2002.

## LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Seat No. 6

Incumbent Board of Trustee **Nancy Pearlman** defeated David Vela ('99) 57.18 percent to 42.81 percent.

Pearlman was elected to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees in 2001. She currently serves as Second Vice President and has chaired the Infrastructure Committee and leads the effort to have sustainable buildings and operations of the District. Pearlman is an award-winning broadcaster, environmentalist, college instructor, anthropologist, editor, producer, on-air personality, and outdoorswoman who has made safeguarding the earth's ecosystems both a vocation and an avocation.

