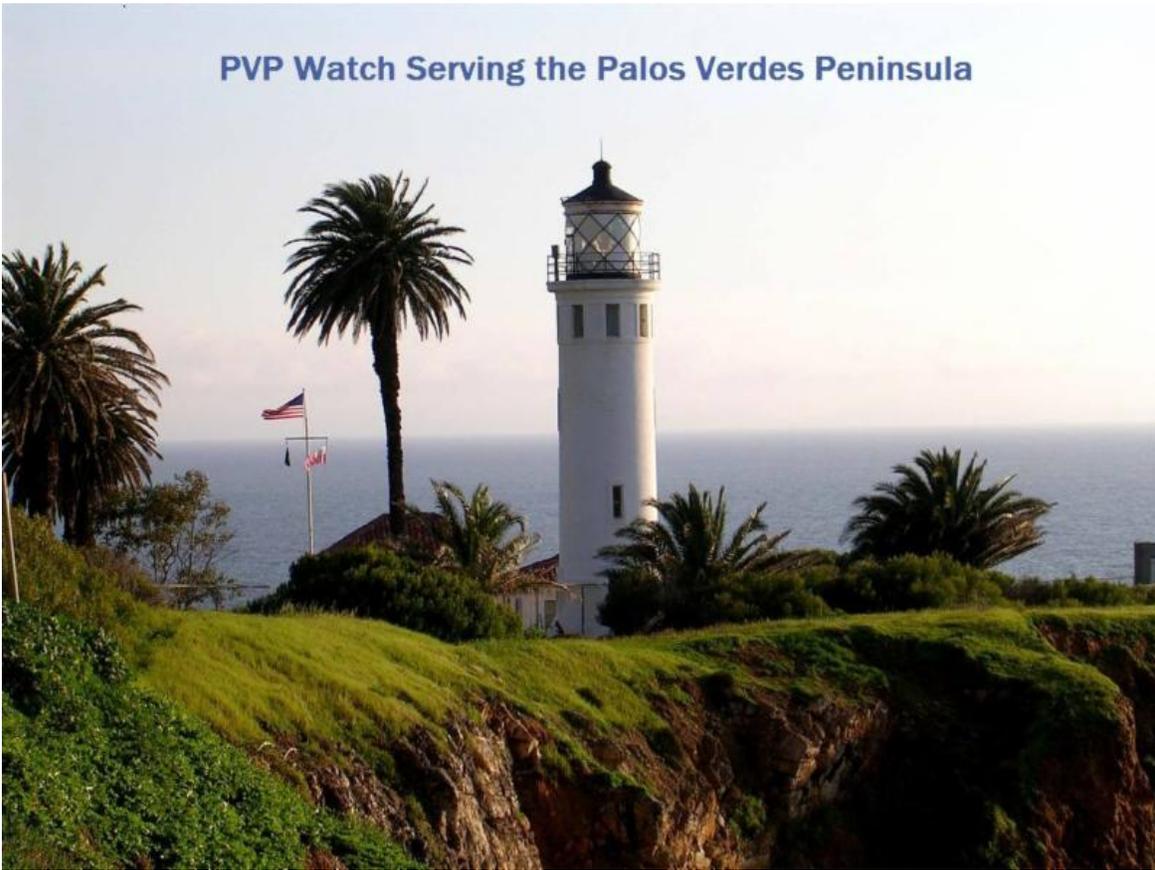


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COURT OFFICES 72, 80, 162, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND MEASURE J

PVP Watch has had requests to provide insights into the three Superior Court Judge races on the November 3rd ballot. These races feature the top two vote receivers from the March 3, 2020, primary.

These are non-partisan offices, but the endorsements the candidates receive give insights into who is supporting them and as Aesop remarked many election cycles ago, “A man/woman is known by the company he/she keeps.”

The Los Angeles County District Attorney election and Measure J are also covered.

Superior Court Office 72

Steve Morgan is a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney rated **well qualified** by the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA). He is endorsed by the Torrance Daily Breeze, which points out Morgan besides being a prosecutor is also a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps Reserve. His website states he is supported by the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs and the Los Angeles Police Protective League, amongst others. He received 49% of the vote in the primary. **We support Steve Morgan.**

Myanna Dellinger is a law professor/attorney rated **not qualified** by the LACBA. Her website states she is receiving no support from law enforcement. Her website claims support from Congresswoman Maxine Waters and the East Area Progressive Democrats, amongst others. She received 40% of the vote in the primary.

Superior Court Office 80

David A. Berger is a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney **rated qualified** by the LACBA. The Metropolitan News Enterprise, a daily legal newspaper, endorses Berger describing him as the outstanding contender in this race being highly articulate, skilled at analysis, composed and decisive with a good knowledge of the job. He is also endorsed by the Association of Deputy District Attorneys. His website states he is supported by former Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, the Los Angeles Hispanic Republican Club, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Association of Los

Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, amongst others. He received 45% of the vote in the primary. **We support David A.Berger.**

Klint James Mckay is an administrative law judge at the California Department of Social Services rated **well qualified** by the LACBA. He is endorsed by the Torrance Daily Breeze. His website states that he is supported by the Los Angeles Progressive Majority Voter Guide and SEIU local 721, amongst others. He received 38% of the vote in the primary.

Superior Court Office 162

Scott Andrew Yang is a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney rated **well qualified** by the LACBA. He is endorsed by the Metropolitan News Enterprise and the Association of Deputy District Attorneys. His website states that he is supported by the Los Angeles Democratic Party, the Beach Cities Democratic Club and the Los Angeles Association of Deputy Sheriffs, amongst others. He received 49% of the vote in the primary. **We support Scott Andrew Yang .**

David D. Diamond is an attorney/adjunct professor rated **well qualified** by the LACBA. He is endorsed by the Torrance Daily Breeze. His website states that he is supported by Earl Ofari Hutchinson, the president of Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable; the Los Angeles County Public Defenders Union; and the Los Angeles Progressive Majority (The Action Network). He received 31% of the vote in the primary.

Los Angeles County District Attorney (DA)

Jackie Lacey has been the DA since 2012. She manages an office with 2,100 employees including 1,000 prosecuting

lawyers and her top priority is keeping the people of Los Angeles County safe.

According to Voters Edge she has pioneered diverting mentally ill offenders out of jail and into the mental health system; fought human sex trafficking; and safeguarded seniors from financial elder abuse; amongst other things.

Voters Edge advises she is supported by the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, Los Angeles County Firefighters, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and San Francisco Mayor London Breed, amongst others. **We support Jackie Lacey.**

George Gascon a candidate for Los Angeles DA most recently was the DA in San Francisco, a beautiful city that has become so filthy and crime ridden major conventions refuse to return there. Voters Edge lists Boudin and Larry Krassner, the DA in Philadelphia, as Gascon supporters, as well as Patrisse Cullors who in a New York Post article June 25, 2020, is quoted as saying, “We are trained Marxists,” when referring to her movement. Gascon lists several other supporters including Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

PVP Watch Comment: There have been several counties throughout the United States where well financed progressive candidates have won the district attorney (DA) races.

Philadelphia, Boston, Saint Louis and San Francisco come to mind.

These DAs are not always well received by the law enforcement community due to their selective prosecutive practices.

San Francisco’s DA Chesa Boudin, according to a March 2020 article in Commentary Magazine, established an immigration unit in his office to protect illegal immigrants and target

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and any law enforcement agencies assisting ICE.

Boudin is doing all he can to fight the deportation of illegals. And this is the county prosecutor.

Measure J

This is the Budget Allocation for Alternatives to Incarceration Charter Amendment. It is an example of why ballot budgeting is not a good idea.

The five Los Angeles county supervisors are elected to draft and implement a budget for the county, amongst other things. Ballotpedia says a yes vote will amend the county's charter to require 10% of the county's general fund to go to community programs and alternatives to incarceration, such as health services and

pre-trial non-custody services. These, and/or similar items, are currently funded by the county and if the supervisors feel more is needed, they can do that on an annual basis like all other line items.

To mandate hundreds of millions of dollars be spent in this fashion will handcuff this board and future boards according to Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the only supervisor to oppose Measure J. The major reason for government at any level is to protect its citizens. Without law and order everything else is moot.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has already seen a cut of \$162 million and if this passes the LASD budget could lose many more millions of dollars, along with other county departments that provide essential services.

This will negatively impact communities throughout the county and is a dangerous precedent. It was rushed onto the ballot with little discussion. **Vote NO on Measure J.**

PVrrg

Palos Verdes Residents for Responsible Government (PVrrg) is sponsoring a Zoom webinar on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 P.M. to meet the candidates for the Palos Verdes Estates city council. The link for this is on the PVrrg website at pvrrg.org/2020-candidate-forum-pvrrg. This video will be posted on the PVrrg website to view later if you miss the webinar.

The RPV city clerk's office advised that there will be a large secure receptacle in place soon at the RPV city hall where voters can deposit their ballots. Los Angeles County officials will pick up the ballots on a regular basis through November 3rd. Ballots will be able to be left there 24 hours a day, seven days a week once it arrives.

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