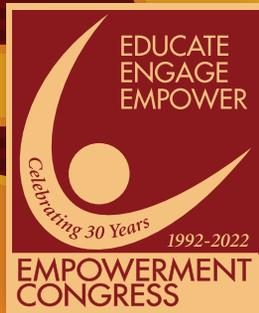


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EMPOWERED TO REPRESENT: A FORUM AMONG LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY CANDIDATES

**THURSDAY
MAY 12, 2022**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

McCarty Memorial Christian Church
Fellowship Hall | 4101 W. Adams Blvd
Los Angeles, California 90018

Moderated by TAVIS SMILEY

The Los Angeles City Attorney plays a significant role in leading our region's efforts to enhance equity, improve public safety, meaningfully address homelessness, and moreover, to enforce and interpret the laws under which our government functions. Please join us for a forum to learn more about the candidates and their position on the issues that matter to you and your community.



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ABOUT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS

The Empowerment Congress is a distinctive and deliberate model of civic engagement built on the core principles of **civic engagement, empowerment, intentional civility, servant leadership, participatory democracy, and reciprocal accountability**. The Empowerment Congress was founded 30 years ago by then Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, and has since served as a dynamic collaboration between neighborhood groups, residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, religious institutions, and community leaders across the diverse communities of Los Angeles. The Empowerment Congress partners with the community to achieve the core goals of:

- Realizing social, political, and economic equity.
- Fostering and developing diverse community leaders and social advocates.
- Cultivating strategic partnerships between diverse communities and elected officials for social and policy change.
- Encouraging and enlisting the full participation of community to improve quality of life.
- Educating and informing community on how government works.
- Developing strategies that shape policy and legislation.
- Connecting community with public resources.

The Empowerment Congress continues to advance its founding principle that elected officials are most effective when the constituents they serve are actively involved in the decision-making process. After nearly 30 years, the Empowerment Congress has expanded its programs and mission of civic engagement and community empowerment.

VOTER RESOURCES and DATES TO REMEMBER: 2022 California Primary

- All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the June 7, 2022, Primary Election.
- The last day to register to vote for the June 7, 2022, Primary Election is May 23, 2022.
- Your county elections office will begin mailing ballots by May 9, 2022.
- Your primary Election ballot will include candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Member of State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Assembly Member, as well as other local candidates.
- There are two contests for U.S. Senate on this ballot. You can vote for both contests.
 - One for a 6-year term ending January 3, 2029; and
 - One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023
- Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail with prepaid postage as long as it's postmarked on or before Election day and received by June 14, 2022, or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022.
- In-person voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance to those who need it.
- Vote centers open in all Voter's Choice Act counties on May 28, 2022.

You can track your ballot here: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

For additional information on the upcoming Los Angeles City Attorney election, please refer to the following resources:

Los Angeles City Office of the City Clerk

<https://clerk.lacity.org/clerk-services/elections/election-resources>

Los Angeles County Registrar–Recorder/County Clerk

<https://lavote.gov/home/voting-elections>

California Secretary of State

<https://www.sos.ca.gov>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>

<https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

vote.ca.gov

Empowerment Congress

<https://empowermentcongress.org>

The Los Angeles Urban League

<https://laul.org/vote/>

Ballotpedia Los Angeles City Elections

[https://ballotpedia.org/City_elections_in_Los_Angeles,_California_\(2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/City_elections_in_Los_Angeles,_California_(2022))

The League of Women Voters of California

<https://lwvc.org>

ROLE OF THE LA CITY ATTORNEY:

The City Attorney is elected by the people of Los Angeles to represent the City and serves as legal advisor to the Mayor, City Council, and all City boards, departments, officers and entities. As the City's general counsel, the City Attorney provides advice and opinions on matters of municipal concern, examines contracts and ordinances as to form and legality, and is frequently called upon to interpret the City Charter, federal and state statutes, and other laws that govern Los Angeles. As the City's chief prosecutor, the City Attorney prosecutes all misdemeanor criminal offenses and infractions occurring in the City of Los Angeles.. Additionally, the City Attorney administers a number of citywide crime prevention initiatives focused on preserving the quality of life throughout Los Angeles' neighborhoods.

Furthermore, the City Attorney litigates all civil actions on behalf of the City and represents the City, its boards and officers in all civil trials and legal proceedings, including civil use of force cases, consent decrees and settlements.



EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – Active participation in public life, community service, and the political process to promote social justice locally and globally, while employing empathy, ethics, values, and a sense of social responsibility.

EMPOWERMENT – The notion that individuals gain power by engaging and becoming active in their communities and their government; and that power, in and of itself, does not exist in isolation nor is it inherent in individuals but is created in the following relationship types: individual, familial, communal, and political.

INTENTIONAL CIVILITY – Appropriate and effective communication and behavior to engage community stakeholders with respect and in a spirit of collaboration, even when there is disagreement.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP – A demonstrated focus on helping and attending to the needs of others; use of certain abilities or gifts to serve as an instrument for the benefit and improvement of society. Servant leadership is fundamentally about service as opposed to power or ego.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY – Active participation and advocacy in the democratic process to confront and address systemic inequities, achieve social justice, and cause positive change.

RECIPROCAL ACCOUNTABILITY – The collective and shared responsibility of community stakeholders and elected officials to achieve desired community outcomes and social justice.

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