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### CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES 2024 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

LOS ANGELES (**December 15, 2023**) - Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott released today the official list of 49 candidates who have qualified to appear on the ballot for the March 2024 Primary Nominating Election.

In preparation for the consolidation of the City's March 5, 2024, Primary Nominating Election with the County of Los Angeles' Statewide Primary Election, a random alphabet drawing was conducted by the Secretary of State's Office. This public drawing determined the order in which candidates will be listed in each race. Attached is the list of certified candidates to appear on the March ballot according to the Secretary of State's random alphabet order.

For individuals who wish to become write-in candidates, the Write-In Candidate Filing period is January 8, through February 20, 2024.

For more information or assistance, call the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division at (213) 978-0444 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit our website at <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-divisions/elections/municipal-elections>, for the certified candidate list.

The Office of the City Clerk administers candidate filing for the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District. The City's Primary Nominating Election will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and the General Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. More information can be found on the City Election Division's website at <https://clerk.lacity.gov/elections>.

Attached

**2024 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION  
CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES  
December 15, 2023**

Candidate Name	Occupational Designation
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 2</b>	
MARIN GHANDILYAN	Lawyer
MANNY GONEZ	Housing Advocate/Environmentalist
JILLIAN BURGOS	Small Business Owner
JON-PAUL BIRD	Mental Health Professional
ADRIN NAZARIAN	State Labor Boardmember
SAM KBUSHYAN	Commissioner/Small Businessman
RUDY MELENDEZ	Laborer/Artist
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 4</b>	
LEVON "LEV" BARONIAN	Engineer/Neighborhood Councilmember
ETHAN WEAVER	Deputy City Attorney
NITHYA RAMAN	Los Angeles City Councilwoman
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 6</b>	
ELY DE LA CRUZ AYAO	Real Estate Broker
IMELDA PADILLA	Los Angeles Councilmember
CARMENLINA MINASOVA	Respiratory Care Practitioner
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 8</b>	
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON	Los Angeles City Councilmember
JAHAN EPPS	Real Estate Broker
CLIFF SMITH	Union Community Organizer
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 10</b>	
HEATHER HUTT	Los Angeles City Councilwoman, Appointed
EDDIE ANDERSON	Pastor/Community Organizer
REGGIE JONES-SAWYER	California State Assemblyman
AURA VÁSQUEZ	Los Angeles City Commissioner/Environmentalist
GRACE YOO	Attorney/Neighborhood Councilmember
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 12</b>	
JOHN S. LEE	City Councilmember/Father
SERENA OBERSTEIN	Nonprofit Policy Executive

**2024 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION CANDIDATES  
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Candidate Name	Occupational Designation
<b>MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 14</b>	
GENNY GUERRERO	Community Advocate/Mother
TERESA Y. HILLERY	Attorney/Community Volunteer
YSABEL J. JURADO	Tenants Rights Attorney
WENDY CARRILLO	California State Assemblywoman
EDUARDO "LALO" VARGAS	Public School Teacher
MIGUEL SANTIAGO	California Assemblymember/Parent
KEVIN DE LEÓN	Los Angeles City Councilmember
NADINE M. DIAZ	Healthcare Professional/Advocate
<b>MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 1</b>	
KAHLID A. AL-ALIM	Community Organizer/Parent
RINA TAMBOR	Parent/Tutor
JOHN AARON BRASFIELD	Educator/Coach
CHRISTIAN FLAGG	Community Advocate/Educator
SHERLETT HENDY NEWBILL	Education Policy Advisor
DIDI L. WATTS	Educator/Nonprofit Cofounder
DEWAYNE DAVIS	Deputy Superintendent/Teacher
<b>MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 3</b>	
DAN CHANG	Public School Teacher
ELIZABETH BADGER	Disability Educator/Businesswoman
ANDREAS FARMAKALIDIS	Educator/Business Owner
RAQUEL VILLALTA	Mother/Educator
SCOTT MARK SCHMERELSON	Teacher/Counselor/Boardmember
<b>MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 5</b>	
FIDENCIO GALLARDO	Teacher
VICTORIO R. GUTIERREZ	Parent/Retired Teacher
KARLA GRIEGO	Teacher/Parent
GRACIELA "GRACE" ORTIZ	Teacher/City Councilmember
<b>MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 7</b>	
LYDIA A. GUTIÉRREZ	Public School Teacher
TANYA ORTIZ FRANKLIN	School Boardmember/Mother