

# ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Vote Yes on Measure A for SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY.

**Vote Yes on Measure A to create necessary safeguards to protect against a Sheriff who abuses power and violates our rights.**

**Vote Yes on Measure A to authorize the removal of a Sheriff if they commit serious violations of the public trust**, such as breaking the law, stealing county funds, or obstructing investigations into deputy misconduct.

**Measure A establishes long-overdue checks and balances and essential civilian oversight** over the official that operates the largest jail system in the country, controls a budget of more than \$3.5 billion, and employs over 10,000 deputies. With this law in place, future Sheriffs will know that they cannot violate the law and people's rights without consequence.

Los Angeles County has a history of Sheriffs who disregard the law and cause great harm to the public as a result. Former Sheriff Lee Baca oversaw extreme violence in the jails and was recently released from federal prison after lying to FBI agents and federal prosecutors and obstructing a federal investigation. Sheriffs have ignored or concealed deputy gang violence in allegations, in violation of department policy; defied lawful subpoenas and court orders; and violated laws on transparency and oversight.

**More than 120 community and labor organizations** — including Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California, ACLU of Southern California, Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, California Poor People's Campaign, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) - Los Angeles, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), Dignity and Power Now, Disability Rights California, Homeboy Industries, Immigrant Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley, LA Voice, NAACP San Fernando Valley Branch, SEIU 2015, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California, and Women's March Action — **urged the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to place this measure on the ballot, so that voters could amend the county charter to establish a process to hold accountable any Sheriff who abuses power.**

**Vote Yes on Measure A to create accountability and common-sense checks and balances.**

**No official, especially as Sheriff, should be above the law.**

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