



Homelessness and Housing Policy Candidate Report Card

The KFA Policy Committee evaluated candidate’s voting record and public platform and assigned them a letter grade from A to F, helping voters make an informed decision on one of the most important issues affecting LA. We reviewed each candidate on five categories related to homelessness and housing in Los Angeles. Candidate platforms on other issues were not taken into account. The five categories identified were: *housing policy, homelessness services, renter protections, criminalization, and knowledge of the issues*. Detailed summary at <https://ktownforall.org/candidate-report-card/>

Overall Grades on Candidates Homelessness and Housing Policies		
City Council District 10		
Mark Ridley-Thomas	C+	Ridley-Thomas has been a consistent voice advocating for homeless housing and services. His mixed record on criminalization and policing raised concerns, but he is moving in the right direction on these issues. His long tenure in office gives him expertise, but also suggests he may not move the city in new directions.
Grace Yoo	D	Yoo’s stances on tenant protections and housing policy lean in the correct direction, but her opposition to a local shelter and her lack of deep knowledge on housing and homelessness issues raises concern. Her campaign has also failed to meet the moment, lacking a real platform on policing.
City Council District 4		
Nithya Raman	A	Raman’s platform is detailed and specific and prioritizes issues of housing and homelessness. Decriminalizing homelessness and poverty is a core issue on her overall platform and she would bring many new ideas to the council. She also has experience founding a homelessness service organization.
David Ryu	D+	Ryu has worked on housing and homelessness issues as a city councilor and his recent statements against criminalization are a positive development, but his platform and his record on housing in his district don’t reflect the urgency of the moment. Ryu’s past votes on criminalization and his comments about conservatorship gave us pause, as did the imbalance between luxury and affordable housing development in his district.
County Board of Supervisors District 2		
Holly J. Mitchell	B+	Mitchell has a solid grasp of the issues and has a record of reducing the criminalization of vulnerable populations. She has a consistent record on writing and passing relevant legislation. Mitchell has an experienced point of view, and has been willing to take the lead on issues that she feels strongly about.
Herb Wesson Jr.	C+	Herb Wesson tends to vote the right way on housing and homelessness issues, but projects and policies originating from his office, like the LaFayette Park Bridge Home, have often been small-scale and slow to materialize. Recently, he has been an advocate



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		for better criminal justice policy. Wesson understands government and the issues, but often takes a quiet and transactional approach to getting things done.
District Attorney		
George Gascón	B+	Gascón's platforms show he's serious about reform, and he provides the most detailed and specific plans of any DA candidate. His homelessness platform, showing his ability to connect the justice system to housing instability. He has shown a willingness to engage with activists and evolve on issues, but some of his past choices as a police officer and district attorney raised questions.
Jackie Lacey	F	Lacey's history on homelessness and criminal justice broadly suggest that she does not prioritize the needs of unhoused Angelenos. Her office has fought against efforts to reduce incarceration and criminalization, and she has faced criticism from activists and elected officials who once endorsed her.
State Assembly District 53		
Miguel Santiago	C	Santiago has generally supported renter protections and bills to fund homeless services/housing, but has generally avoided rocking the boat in Sacramento. His mixed record on criminal justice and policing leaves us wondering where he stands on those issues.
Godfrey Santos Plata	A-	Santos Plata would be the only renter in the state legislature, and his platform demonstrates a deep focus on the housing needs of low income communities. His deep ties to activists and community groups around the district were also appreciated by our members.
U.S. House of Representatives District 34		
Jimmy Gomez	C	Gomez has consistently supported federal funding to protect renters and help local governments fund services and housing. However, he has been slow to respond to the constituents' housing concerns, and has failed to offer bold policies despite taking a leadership role in local homelessness discussions.
David Kim	A-	Kim's platform demonstrates that he's listened to housing activists in and around his district, offering bold proposals to address housing issues. Kim has also demonstrated deep ties to his community, participating in protests and mutual aid projects around the district.