

CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE

November 3, 2026 General Election — Judicial Races

How to vote FOR — not against — your values

★★★★★ Best / Strongest

★★★★ Very Good

★★★ Acceptable

★★ Vote only to prevent worse

★ Not Recommended

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT — Yes / No Retention Vote (All 58 Counties)

Name	Rating	Retain?
Kelli M. Evans	★ ■ ■ ■ ■	NO
Joshua P. Groban	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

COURT OF APPEAL — Yes / No Retention Vote

1st Appellate District

Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Charles A. Smiley	Division 1	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO
Kathleen M. Banke	Division 1	★★★★ ■	YES
Monique Langhorne Wilson	Division 1	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Therese M. Stewart	Division 2	★ ■ ■ ■ ■	NO
Tara M. Desautels	Division 2	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Ioana Petrou	Division 3	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO
Victor A. Rodríguez	Division 3	★ ■ ■ ■ ■	NO

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Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Tracie L. Brown	Division 4	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

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Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Mark Simons	Division 5	★★★★ ■	YES
Danny Y. Chou	Division 5	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO
Gordon Burns	Division 5	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

2nd Appellate District

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Michelle C. Kim	Division 1	★★ ■ ■ ■	NO

Gregory J. Weingart	Division 1	★★■■■	NO
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Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Anne Richardson	Division 2	★■■■■	NO
Steve Goorvitch	Division 2	★★■■■	NO

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Rashida A. Adams	Division 3	★■■■■	NO
Mark Hanasono	Division 3	★★■■■	NO

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Helen Zukin	Division 4	★■■■■	NO
Audra M. Mori	Division 4	★★■■■	NO
Nicholas Daum	Division 4	★■■■■	NO
Armen Tamzarian	Division 4	★★■■■	NO

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Brian M. Hoffstadt	Division 5	★★★☆☆	YES

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Tari L. Cody	Division 6	★★★☆☆	YES
Kenneth R. Yegan	Division 6	★★★★☆	YES

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Gonzalo C. Martinez	Division 7	★■■■■	NO
Natalie Stone	Division 7	★■■■■	NO

Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
John Wiley	Division 8	★★★☆☆	YES
Matthew A. Scherb	Division 8	★★★☆☆	YES
Victor G. Viramontes	Division 8	★■■■■	NO

3rd Appellate District

Counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, Yuba

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Laurie Earl	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES
Lauri Damrell	Districtwide	★★■■■	NO
David B. Sapp	Districtwide	★■■■■	NO
Stacy Boulware Eurie	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES

Jonathan Renner	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES
Aimee A. Feinberg	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO
Shama Mesiwala	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO

4th Appellate District

Counties: Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Eran M. Bermudez	Division 1	★★★☆☆	YES
Jose S. Castillo	Division 1	★★★☆☆	YES
Truc T. Do	Division 1	★★☆☆☆	NO
Lisa Rodriguez	Division 1	★★★★☆	YES
David M. Rubin	Division 1	★★★★☆	YES
William S. Dato	Division 1	★★★☆☆	YES
Julia C. Kelety	Division 1	★★★☆☆	YES

Counties: Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Corey G. Lee	Division 2	★★★☆☆	YES
Michael J. Raphael	Division 2	★★★☆☆	YES

Counties: Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Joanne Motoike	Division 3	★★☆☆☆	NO
Nathan R. Scott	Division 3	★★★☆☆	YES
Juliet O. Macaulay	Division 3	★★☆☆☆	NO
Martha K. Gooding	Division 3	★★★☆☆	YES
Thomas A. Delaney	Division 3	★★★☆☆	YES
Deborah C. Servino	Division 3	★★★☆☆	YES

5th Appellate District

Counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Arlan L. Harrell	Districtwide	★★★★☆	YES
Sonny S. Sandhu	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO
Amy K. Guerra	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO
Kathleen A. Meehan	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES
Mark W. Snauffer	Districtwide	★★★★☆	YES
Thomas DeSantos	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES

6th Appellate District

Counties: Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

Name	Division	Rating	Retain?
Daniel H. Bromberg	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO

Charles E. Wilson II	Districtwide	★★★☆☆	YES
Charles F. Adams	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO
Frederick S. Chung	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO
Allison Marston Danner	Districtwide	★★☆☆☆	NO

SUPERIOR COURT — Vote for One Candidate in Each Race

Fresno County Superior Court

Office No. 6

Candidate Name	Rating
Ashley Paulson	★★★★☆
Steven Ueltzen	★★☆☆☆

Office No. 7

Candidate Name	Rating
Jeff Hammerschmidt	★★★★★
Jose Salazar	★★★☆☆

Los Angeles County Superior Court

Office No. 64

Candidate Name	Rating
Maria Ghobadi	★★★☆☆
Rhonda Haymon	★☆☆☆☆

Office No. 65

Candidate Name	Rating
Justin Clayton	★☆☆☆☆
Anna Slotky Reitano	★☆☆☆☆

Office No. 87

Candidate Name	Rating
Anthony Bayne	★★☆☆☆
David DeJute	★★★★☆

Office No. 131

Candidate Name	Rating
David Ross	★☆☆☆☆
Donna Tryfman	★★★☆☆

Riverside County Superior Court

Office No. 10

Candidate Name	Rating
Andrea Garcia	★☆☆☆☆

Michelle Paradise



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