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For the November 3, 2026, California General Election

Part 1: CA Supreme Court **Part 2: CA Appellate Court**

Part 3: County Superior Court Judges – Run-off elections for Fresno, LA, Riverside

Robyn Nordell's Conservative CA Election Website

10/3/26: Judicial Information Compiled by
Robyn Nordell

10/6/26 Update – Additional details were added for
Los Angeles Superior Courts only.

Robyn's Primary Sources:

Source For California Supreme Court and Courts of
Appeal recommendations:

[Craig Huey's California Judicial Voter Guide](#) was
my primary source. I had checked multiple lists and
found Craig's to be the one in which I had the most
confidence.

Sources For Superior Court Races:

Craig's Judicial Voter Guide was used as one of
several sources.

Where To Find Craig Huey's Judicial Recommendations?

- Within this document (below)
 - In Craig Voter Guide, linked above
 - Within [Robyn Nordell's Extensive ORANGE COUNTY Voter Guide](#)
 - Within "Penny's Picks," [Penny Harrington's extensive SAN DIEGO County Voter Guide](#)
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Part 1: SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Retention Votes for State Courts
(Vote Yes or No on each of these Justices)

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE Justices

Kelli M. Evans – **NO**

Joshua Groban – **NO**

Part 2: APPELLATE COURT JUSTICES

General Information:

There are 6 Appellate Court districts across
California. Each district has several divisions.

Each of us will cast a YES or a NO "vote for each
one of the Justices whose name appears on our
ballot.

1st Appellate District – Court of Appeal

COUNTIES:

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

(Vote Yes or No)

First District, Division 1

Charles A. Smiley: **NO**

Kathleen M. Banke: **YES**

Monique Langhorne Wilson: **NO**

First District, Division 2

Therese M. Stewart: **NO**

Tara M. Desautels: **NO**

First District, Division 3

Ioana Petrou: **NO**

Victor A. Rodríguez: **NO**

First District, Division 4

Tracie L. Brown: **NO**

First District, Division 5

Mark Simons: **YES**

Danny Y. Chou: **NO**

Gordon Burns: **NO**

2ND Appellate District – Court of Appeal

COUNTIES:

LOS ANGELES, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,
and Ventura

(Vote Yes or No)

Second District, Division 1

Michelle C. Kim: **NO**

Gregory J. Weingart: **NO**

Second District, Division 2

Steve Goorvitch: **NO**

Anne Richardson: **NO**

Second District, Division 3

Rashida A. Adams: **NO**

Mark Hanasono: **NO**

Second District, Division 4

Helen Zukin: **NO**

Audra M. Mori: **NO**

Nicholas Daum: **NO**

Armen Tamzarian: **NO**

Second District, Division 5

Brian M. Hoffstadt: **YES**

Second District, Division 6

Tari L. Cody: **YES**

Kenneth R. Yegan: **YES**

Second District, Division 7

Gonzalo C. Martinez: **NO**

Natalie Stone: **NO**

Second District, Division 8

John Wiley: **YES**

Matthew A. Scherb: **YES**

Victor G. Viramontes: **NO**

3RD Appellate District – Court of Appeal

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, and Yuba.

(Vote Yes or No)

DISTRICTWIDE

Laurie Earl: **YES**

Lauri Damrell: **NO**

David B. Sapp: **NO**

Stacy Boulware Eurie: **YES**

Jonathan Renner: **YES**

Aimee A. Feinberg: **NO**

Shama Mesiwala: **NO**

4TH Appellate District – Court of Appeal

COUNTIES:

Imperial, Inyo, ORANGE, Riverside,
San Diego, San Bernardino

(Vote Yes or No)

4th District, Division 1

Eran M. Bermudez – **YES**

Jose S. Castillo – **YES**

Truc T. Do – **NO**

Lisa Rodriguez: **YES**

David M. Rubin – **YES**

William Dato – **YES**

Julia Kelety – **YES**

4th District, Division 2

Corey G. Lee – **YES**

Michael J. Raphael – **YES**

4th District, Division 3

Joanne Motoike – **NO**

Nathan Scott – **YES**

Juliet O. MacCaulay – **NO**

Martha K. Gooding – **YES**

Thomas A. Delaney – **YES**

Deborah C. Servino – **YES**

5TH Appellate District – Court of Appeal

COUNTIES:

Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced,
Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne.

(Vote Yes/No)

DISTRICTWIDE

Arlan L. Harrell: **YES**

Sonny S. Sandhu: **NO**

Amy K. Guerra: **NO**

Kathleen A. Meehan: **YES**

Mark W. Snuffer: **YES**

Thomas DeSantos: **YES**

6TH Appellate District – Court of Appeal

COUNTIES:

Monterey, San Benito, San Jose,
Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

(Vote Yes/No)

DISTRICTWIDE

Daniel H. Bromberg: **NO**

Charles E. Wilson II: **YES**

Charles F. Adams: **NO**

Frederick S. Chung: **NO**

Allison Marston Danner: **NO**

Part 3:

SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICES

(Only a few counties have races in November 2026)

CRAIG HUEY'S RATING SYSTEM

5 Stars – Strongest Endorsement

4 Stars – Very Good

3 Stars – Acceptable

2 Stars – Only Vote for this candidate to prevent
worse Candidate from winning.

1 Star – Horrible Candidate. Do not vote in this
race. All your other votes will Count.

Fresno County Superior Court

FRESNO Superior Court, Office #6:

Robyn: Please vote for [ASHLEY PAULSON](#)

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates :

- Ashley Paulson as 4 out of 5 stars (Very Good)
 - Opponent, Steven Ueltzen as 2 of 5 stars (low rating)
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FRESNO Superior Court, Office #7:

Robyn: Please vote for [JEFF HAMMERSCHMIDT](#)

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates :

- Jeff Hammerschmidt as 5 out of 5 stars (Strongest Endorsement)
 - Jose Salazar as 3 of 5 stars (5 is high / 1 is lowest)
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L.A. County Superior Court

LA Superior Court, Office #64:

Robyn's note: I would vote for MARIA GHOBANDI as the better of the available choices.

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates:

- Maria Ghobadi as 3 out of 5 stars = Acceptable)
- (Maria's opponent, Rhonda Haymon as 1 out of 5 stars = Horrible)

Additional sources: These individuals also recommend Maria Lisa Ghobad as the better of the two choices: Former Republican LA DA Steve Cooley, Elizabeth Barcohana, and Roger Grace (Met. News-Enterprise)

LA Superior Court, Office # 65

Robyn's note: I do not have a recommendation in this race.

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates:

- Justin Clayton as 1 out of 5 stars (Horrible)
- Anna Slotky Reitano as 1 out of 5 stars (Horrible)

Additional sources: Elizabeth Barcohana recommends Reitano. Former Republican LA DA Steve Cooley recommends Clayton.

You always have an option of skipping a race and voting on everything else.

LA Superior Court, Office 87:

Robyn's note: I don't have a recommendation in this race.

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates:

- David DeJute as 4 stars out of 5 (Very Good)
- Anthony Bayne as 2 stars out of 5 (low rating)

Additional sources: Elizabeth Barcohana recommends David DeJute. Former Republican LA DA Steve Cooley recommends Anthony Bayne.

LA Superior Court, Office #131:

Robyn's note: Based upon the recommendations below, I would vote for DONNA TRYFMAN as the better of the available choices.

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates:

- Donna Tryfman as 3 out of 5 stars (acceptable)
- David Ross as 1 out of 5 stars (terrible)

Additional sources:
Elizabeth Barcohana and Roger Grace (Met. News-Enterprise) both recommend Donna Tryfman. Former Republican LA DA Steve Cooley says either Tryfman or Ross.

Riverside County Superior Court

Riverside Seat #10: Please vote for MICHELLE PARADISE

Read about Michelle's experience, long list of endorsements, and more [HERE](#)

Michelle Paradise is endorsed by the Riverside Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Chad Bianco, DA Mike Hestric, Riverside Sheriffs' Association and more.

Craig Huey's CA Judicial Voter Guide rates:
Paradise's: 4 out of 5 Stars = Very Good
(Garcia's Craig Huey rating: 1 out of 5 stars = Horrible)