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SEIU Local 721, Southern California's Largest Public Sector Union, Announces 2022 Endorsements for LA Mayor, City Council and Citywide Offices, County Board of Supervisors, County Assessor, and County Sheriff

LOS ANGELES – After weeks of member candidate townhall meetings, the SEIU Local 721 Executive Board has confirmed the following endorsements for the June 2022 primary election:

- Mayor of LA: Karen Bass
- LA County Board of Supervisors District 1: Hilda Solis
- LA County Board of Supervisors District 3: Henry Stern
- LA County Sheriff: Cecil Rhambo
- LA County Assessor: Jeffrey Prang
- LA City Attorney: Kevin James
- LA City Controller: Paul Koretz
- LA City Council District 1: Gil Cedillo
- LA City Council District 3: Bob Blumenfield
- LA City Council District 5: Katy Young Yaroslavsky
- LA City Council District 7: Monica Rodriguez
- LA City Council District 9: Curren Price
- LA City Council District 13: Mitch O'Farrell
- LA City Council District 15: Tim McOsker

SEIU 721 represents over 98,000 public and private sector workers throughout Southern California, to the Arizona and Nevada borders, and up the Central Coast. Members and staff will put SEIU 721's resources behind these candidates — including boots on the ground to deliver victories on election day.

“Some 55,000 SEIU 721 members work for LA County, with another 11,000 employed by LA City,” said SEIU Local 721 President David Green. “We have a strong, democratic process allowing members to interview candidates and make informed choices regarding political endorsements. It's imperative that we use our collective voice to support candidates who advocate for working families and our objectives for safe workplaces, racial, social, and environmental justice, protections for low-wage workers, and tangible policies for the people who are on the frontlines serving our communities. Not only have we worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic, but we also face an outsourcing epidemic that threatens good public sector jobs and our members' livelihoods. Elections matter.”

“Members of SEIU 721 work to make Los Angeles better every day,” said Congresswoman Karen Bass, who is running for LA mayor. “I'm grateful for their

endorsement and will count on our city workers as partners in addressing the homelessness crisis like the emergency it is and to make our neighborhoods safer.”

“LA County can only be transformed with servant leadership,” said California State Senator Henry Stern, a candidate for the LA County Board of Supervisors 3rd District. “The beating heart of that service engine is SEIU 721. The solutions to fix LA start with the union — from the psychiatric social workers and public health nurses, who are vital to addressing the mental health crisis on our streets and in our schools, to the sanitation and watershed managers, who will help LA County endure the climate crisis, to the foster care and 211 workers, who work to prevent the most vulnerable from slipping through the cracks. That’s why this endorsement means everything to me.”

SEIU 721 conducted most candidate townhalls on Zoom, including some hybrid webinars with candidates live at the union’s downtown LA headquarters.

The union’s endorsements for Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange County, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties will be released early next month.

*Over 98,000 workers comprise the membership of **SEIU Local 721** — making it the largest public sector union in Southern California. SEIU Local 721 represents people working in hospitals, foster care, mental health, courts, law enforcement, libraries, street services, beach maintenance, sanitation, water treatment, parks services, and watershed management. The union also represents workers at publicly funded non-profits, like health clinics, in addition to employees of special districts and private universities.*

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