



PUBLIC SAFETY ENDORSEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL

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The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association and the Santa Monica Firefighters, Local 1109 are proud to support the following candidates for City Council in 2016:

Gleam Davis Terry O'Day Tony Vazquez Ted Winterer

Santa Monica City Council members Davis, O'Day, Vazquez, and Winterer all have consistent track records of voting for issues that favor community safety and ensure the highest quality of emergency services. In the last two years, all four Council Members have voted to increase public safety staffing in response to significant increased demands of the Police and Fire Departments. Due to the swelling daytime population of Santa Monica and resulting increase in emergency calls for service, the four incumbents voted to increase sworn Police Officer positions by 9 over two years, and add 12 additional sworn Firefighters over the same time period. This year, all four Council Members voted to increase both Police and Fire Department staffing to safely provide emergency services during the heavily attended Pier Twilight Concert Series. In addition, Davis, O'Day, Vazquez, and Winterer have also voted to provide needed emergency vehicles and equipment to help ensure the Santa Monica residents continue to receive the high quality of public safety services they have come to expect.

Gleam Davis, Terry O'Day, Tony Vazquez, and Ted Winterer have all shown the leadership necessary to prioritize the public safety needs of Santa Monica and will continue to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of Santa Monica residents and visitors.

The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association and the Santa Monica Firefighters, Local 1109 urge Santa Monica voters to vote NO on Measure LV.

Measure LV is too extreme for the City and sets arbitrarily low height limits citywide which would result in the need for elections for even sorely needed, reasonable developments. For

example, Measure LV would necessitate a vote for the recently approved 40' tall Fire Station in downtown Santa Monica. The new state of the art structure will replace the existing seismically non-compliant downtown Fire Station which was built in 1955. Measure LV would at best delay construction after a public campaign to educate voters on the needs of the Fire Department, and at worst result in the station being voted down and the lengthy design and building process to restart.

Additionally, after a natural or man-made disaster, Measure LV would complicate the rebuilding of damaged properties which currently exceed Tier 1 limits. Of these properties in Santa Monica, approximately 1300 of the 1700 have residential uses which Measure LV does not exempt from voter approval. Delaying reconstruction of buildings after any large scale disaster not only negatively affects the residents who live in the buildings, but hinders public safety for all of Santa Monica, as uninhabited structures are magnets for squatters and other criminal behavior.