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L.A. CITY ATTORNEY CANDIDATE FORUM TO SHOWCASE VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF A POWERFUL OFFICE

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles City College (LACC), the LA City Attorney Coalition, the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles, and Knock.LA will host a Los Angeles City Attorney Candidate Forum on Wednesday, March 30 from 6:30 to 8pm at Los Angeles City College.

Candidates Faisal Gill, Sherri Onice Valle Cole, Kevin James, Teddy Kapur, Richard Kim, Hydee Feldstein Soto, and Marina Torres have all been invited to discuss their campaigns for this open seat and their vision for an office that does everything from handling misdemeanors to battling wage theft and corporate polluters to writing and interpreting the laws of the City of Los Angeles. Marissa Roy, of the City Attorney Coalition, will moderate the event.

“We are proud to be a part of an event that will help inform audience members about the candidates for City Attorney,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College.

The forum will help to engage and educate voters about their choices for this powerful office in advance of the upcoming June 7 primary election. This is the first primary election for City Attorney that has taken place since city elections were aligned with federal races, and turnout is expected to be the highest in history.

The questions will seek to elicit the candidates’ views on a range of issues that touch on all aspects of the City Attorney Office’s work.

The powers of the City Attorney and their office include the power make charging decisions about all misdemeanors within the City of Los Angeles not handled by the District Attorney (including to choose not to prosecute or to offer diversion programs); to use its affirmative litigation powers to file lawsuits on behalf of the public, including bringing suits against corporate polluters, employers who steal wages from their workers, and landlords who harass their tenants; to interpret legal questions for the City and to serve as corporate counsel on legal matters; and to draft legislation requested by the City Council.

With a role in such a wide variety of vital issues, the City Attorney can have a profound effect upon the lives of virtually every Angeleno.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held on the LACC campus in the Student Union at 855 N. Vermont Avenue. Parking is free in Lot 4 off of North Heliotrope Drive, and the campus is also accessible via mass transit. Proof of vaccination and masks required. The event will also be live-streamed at:

<https://laccd.zoom.us/j/99752129174?pwd=V2dMazcvNFIsWXB3VEhqNXZQbjV2Zz09>

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic, innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs, including degrees, transfer programs, and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.

About the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles

The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, has a long history of community service focused on promoting voter participation and informing people about public policy issues.

About the LA City Attorney Coalition

The City Attorney Coalition is a coalition of local justice reform organizations, advocates, and organizers working together to educate our communities on the powers of the Los Angeles City Attorney to emphasize care over punishment and incarceration and to hold polluters and abusive tenants and landlords accountable on behalf of the public; to elevate the importance of City Attorney elections for voters who support justice for all; and to promote greater accountability within the City Attorney's office.

About Knock.LA

Knock.LA is a nonprofit community journalism project, originally conceived by Ground Game LA, dedicated to providing independent journalism and telling the real story of Los Angeles.