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L.A. CITY ELECTIONS - MAY 16, 2017



Are you feeling tired of elections? Well, don't turn off your bullshit radar just yet!! For the next couple of months, some of us are gonna be seeing more glossy mailers and answering annoying calls telling you to vote for people you ain't neva heard of!

This coming June, voters in Northeast LA will be deciding on a new a U.S. Congressman. If Jimmy Gomez wins that race, his Assembly seat will be up for grabs. How many progressive Latinas do you think are gonna compete against one another for that one?

But, we'll get back to that race this coming summer. For now, we're gonna focus on the real important election happening on May 16 in the city of angels. Your life may depend on it ~ you think I'm playing? Just keep reading and then tell me that I'm wrong.

MEASURES

MEASURE C: NO: Measure C stands for chorizo... and not the kind your mom likes. This is the "put your hands in the air", "get on the ground" type of chorizo. The type that posts that Black lives matter less than "Blue" lives ~ you know them, they shoot Latino teenage boys in East LA and move the body to cover up their mamadas.

Measure C is asking for permission to give cops who abuse their power a free pass. It would allow officers accused of committing crimes to choose a civilian board to decide if they're guilty or nah ~ knowing goddamn well that civilians vote in favor of the police more often than their own bosses do. This will be like the jury selection process... you know the ones where people of color never seem to make it on. One thing's for sure, it won't be no muffackas like me on that panel nor will it be some #BLM activists. It'll likely be some Boy Scout or a vendida looking to get elected to office with the blessing of the police union.

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Cops need more accountability not less! That's why the U.S. Dept. Of Justice slapped the LAPD with a Consent Decree. It's like detention for chorizos!

It's bad enough that the L.A. District Attorney is fucking weak on police abuse cases and the Police Commission seldom recommends to discipline officers for misconduct or for violating their powers. What's even worse is the police union, the LA Police Protectively League. Their logo might as well be the face of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions wrapped in a Confederate Flag. They ALWAYS protect cops, even in cases where chorizos kill innocent people of color. So, why do we wanna go back to the days when cops roamed the streets of L.A. like this was the Wild Wild West with impunity?



L.A. CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1: GIL CEDILLO: First off, I wanna apologize to the readers for not believing the “Ask A Mexican” situation was more serious. I’m sorry, I messed up! But, kids, this is a lesson of foot-in-mouth by Joe Bray-Ali and great detective work by someone in Gil Cedillo's camp. Whatever campaign staffer in Gil's shop dug up Bray-Ali's hateful past should get a bonus!!! His social media history reads like this muthafucka was auditioning for Tosh.0. Gil didn't even have to campaign or promise his District anything - and he's still gonna win. I bet they didn't teach you this in Poli. Sci. 101! Gil still has to do his fucking job. People are tired of career politicians who move from post to post and don’t hustle once elected to City Council. The people need you, Gil. It ain’t enough to keep organized labor and community organizations happy by supporting their issues... you gotta fucking serve your constituents – the ones no one recognizes in a photo op.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 7: MONICA RODRIGUEZ: She's worked for three degenerates in office-Mayor Richard Riordan, and Councilmembers Mike Hernandez and Richard Alarcon. Like the old Latino adage goes, "Dime con quién andas y te diré quién eres." The question of the day is: will her extensive experience be used for the good of this District in desperate need of a champ? Or will she be complacent like most veterans with government experience who are too cozy with the status quo – the type that accept the misery which constituents in District 7 are subjected to because crappy leaders don't fight for the low-income neighborhoods.

But, she is Raza and since we forgive the boys for all kinds of puterias, I say she deserves a chance to prove that she's not a sucia after all.

LAUSD

DISTRICT 4: NICK MELVOIN: LAUSD needs fighters on the school board. Some tough choices are gonna have to be made regarding the District's budget woes and imminent insolvency. Someone who isn't gonna kick around that bullshit that charter schools are the reason why LAUSD is not properly serving students of color, giving special ed. kids what they deserve, or creaming nerds.

Cut the bullshit - LAUSD has never properly served those student populations. And creaming has long been going on - what do you think magnet schools do? Charters ain't perfect, but I can name at least a dozen of them that are serving tough to educate populations: namely Black and Brown hood kids... and they're doing a phenomenal job. That ain't creaming, that's just giving kids a proper education and treating them like apt pupils instead of mini-predators.

Here's to a new era of leadership.

DISTRICT 6: KELLY GONEZ: Two Latinas are running for this seat. One of them has the credentials; the other one is just a creída.

What Kelly's opponent doesn't understand is, that being from the hood doesn't always translate to knowing how to represent the needs of the people you've lived among your entire life. And running community programs - no matter how well intentioned they may be - don't always translate to knowing how to govern or legislate policy. Doing good ain't the same as doing right.

We have a conundrum in this race. For decades, the American Dream for poor people of color was to do good and move out of the hood. Then we called people vendidos for moving out and not giving back to the hood. Ironically, some in this generation are punishing people for coming back to the hoods they grew up in and wanting to make shit better for others in their community.

Kelly is smart and polished, and she will light a match under the ass of LAUSD. She's the youngest person running for school board, but one of the most knowledgeable and solution-driven candidates ever. Kids in the East San Fernando Valley deserve a school board member who is gonna push for more reform opportunities to come to that part of the District.

P.S. Regardless of who endorses in the LAUSD races, just know one thing: there are two special interest groups at war with one another and they are both dominated by petty white people: the charter schools association and the teacher unions. Both can kick around that bullshit that they are down with Black & Brown people, but the truth is they care about two things: power and money! In my years of working in education, I've learned one thing - families don't really care what type of school their kids attend, they care about the quality of education their children get.



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