

ROBYN RITTER SIMON BALLOT STATEMENT FOR TAPING ON CHANNEL 35 TAPING ON JANUARY 7

Hello, my name is Robyn Ritter Simon and I am a candidate running for the Los Angeles City Council.

I am running for the City Council because we need someone who will listen to the community and then fight for their interests at City Hall.

I grew up in the 5th district, and went to public schools and married my high school sweetheart.

Now my husband and I we are raising our three sons here in the district.

I want to make Los Angeles an even better place to live, work and raise a family. I want Los Angeles to be a place where every resident has the same opportunity to reach for their dreams as I did.

As I campaign throughout the district, I have listened to your ideas and concerns.

If elected to the City Council, I will be your advocate at City Hall.

I share your priorities of improving schools, cracking down on crime and gangs, reducing traffic congestion and protecting our neighborhoods.

I want to take my years of experience working on behalf of my neighborhood, and to take what I learned in my career, and then apply that knowledge to the many issues we face in Los Angeles.

My experiences as a journalist, an activist, and as a CEO have prepared me to be a leader on the City Council.

I have a record of making change in my community and I will continue to make the changes we need as a member of the City Council.

When my three sons were young, I learned that our community school was not supported by the local neighborhood.

I organized local moms, we got involved and the school was transformed.

Test scores went up, parental involvement increased, and neighborhood businesses got engaged.

What began as a project to save a school, grew into a 12 year campaign to transform a neighborhood!

To this day our group, The Beverlywood Moms, is a model for how parents can make a practical and tangible difference in their neighborhood schools.

The Los Angeles Times has recognized the Beverlywood Moms as leaders in the revitalization of public neighborhood schools.

LA City Controller Laura Chick has endorsed me and is supporting my campaign, because she knows that I will listen to the community and fight for their concerns.

I support full implementation of Controller Chick's recommendations to eliminate waste in government and make sure the city is delivering important services efficiently.

I believe we need to continue Chief Bratton's successful efforts to crack down on crime and gang violence.

Even in tough times, we must have a commitment to increase the funding for our city's police department to expand the police force and keep our communities safe.

To reduce traffic congestion, I believe we need to expand mass transit.

I support the completion of the Exposition Light Rail Line and extension of the Orange Line in the Valley.

As a Councilmember,
I will listen to your concerns and then fight for them at City Hall.

I will be a champion for you and your family, and I will work to get things done.

I would be honored to have your vote on March 3rd for the Los Angeles City Council.
Thank you very much!