

I am Sherri Onica Valle Cole and I am running for LA city Attorney. I was born in San Diego to an African-American father and an undocumented Mexican mother. My father's dream was to provide health care to the poor. So my brothers and I were actually raised in Tijuana, Mexico to save money. I identify with the poor.

I worked in the City Attorney's office for 16 years as a Deputy City Attorney, but my career was cut short and I was fired for refusing to prosecute a case I knew was purely for profit and show. I am not ashamed of this fact, especially in light of recent allegations against the current City Attorney's office (and my former boss) for corruption and perjury. Los Angeles deserves a City Attorney that will restore justice to City Hall again.

As the City Attorney, my office will prioritize homelessness. I myself was unsheltered as a child. I need to work with the city to develop policies to help end homelessness and not make it a pipeline for incarceration. We have to focus on Mental Health and stop criminalizing those who suffer from mental illness or substance abuse.

As a teacher and a mother of a special needs little boy with Autism. We must protect public safety and develop a more inclusive approach to the systemic causes of crime in our community — jobs, education and housing. We've got to reform the criminal justice system. We've got to create reasonable and safe alternatives to cyclical incarceration. Let's transform law enforcement. We've got to hold police accountable and protect victims of crime like myself.

Can we empower small businesses? So that we can support economic development for all of Los Angeles. I'm a longtime member of the Sierra Club. I want to prosecute consumer cases and protect our environment. We must promote a safe and sustainable Los Angeles for everyone and seek environmental justice.

Lastly, let's not forget to root out public corruption. We've got to ensure that the safeguards are in place to prevent and detect signs of fraud, waste and mismanagement. I'm incorruptible, I'm a mother, I'm a teacher, and I'm running for LA City Attorney; Sherri Onica Valle Cole, that's Cole4Change.com. My name is Sherri Onica Valle Cole and I approve of this message.