

Candidate Statement - Faisal Gill for City Attorney

My name is Faisal Gill, and I am running for Los Angeles City Attorney. I am an immigrant, a veteran, and a civil rights attorney – and I have a plan to build a City Attorney’s office that works for everyone in Los Angeles.

I immigrated to the United States when I was 8 years old. I grew up in a working class community, and my family didn’t have it easy. My father was a taxi driver and my mother worked in retail. From a young age, I saw how the color of your skin, or the neighborhood you lived in, determined whether the system worked *for* or *against* you.

So I became a civil rights attorney, and dedicated my life to changing the system. I’ve helped those who have faced discrimination from the government, immigration enforcement, and police departments. I’ve even taken on LAPD firsthand, holding officers accountable for abuses of power like racial bias and excessive force.

This work inspired me to run for City Attorney, because I learned firsthand what is needed to build a City Attorney’s office that is driven by justice.

As City Attorney, I will use the law to protect the people of our City – not as a weapon to punish marginalized communities. I have extensive plans to reform our criminal justice system, so that we can all live in a Los Angeles that is both safer and more equitable.

I will hold the police accountable for all forms of misconduct – from racial bias to excessive force – to prevent larger transgressions from happening.

I will reform our criminal justice system, so that we connect our communities with opportunities rather than incarceration.

And I will focus on long-term solutions to the homelessness crisis, like housing and mental health treatment, to get people back on their feet and permanently off the streets.

I am proud of the powerful coalition of supporters that our campaign has built. I’ve earned the endorsements of local leaders like Congresswoman Karen Bass, Supervisor Holly Mitchell,

Senator Sydney Kamlager, Senator Steve Bradford, and Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, as well as organizations representing working people like SEIU 2015, National Union of HealthCare Workers and the California Faculty Association.

I am running for Los Angeles City Attorney to push for pragmatic and progressive reforms, take on corruption, restore trust to the office, and ensure a safer city for all of us.

Because everyone in Los Angeles deserves equal justice under the law. Learn more about my campaign by visiting gillforla.com. Thank you.