

I'm Kevin James and I am running for Los Angeles City Attorney.

At a time when every neighborhood is affected by the homelessness and affordable housing crises, when people do not feel safe in their own communities, when the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic have severely hurt the health and livelihoods of countless Angelenos, and when City Hall must restore the public's trust, we need our City Attorney to be a proven problem solver who will take strong action on behalf of the people of Los Angeles.

I started as an attorney in Los Angeles in 1988. I will bring my many years of legal experience at some of LA's most respected law firms and as an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles into the City Attorney's Office. I will also draw upon my 7-year tenure as President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, where I led five city departments to respond to homelessness, build electric vehicle infrastructure, protect water quality, and to provide critical city services uninterrupted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

During my time as President of Public Works, I also served as Director of the Mayor's Office of Film and Television Production. Our job was to help bring the entertainment industry back to Hollywood -- and we succeeded.

I have extensive experience in the nonprofit sector as well. In the early 1990s, because so many of my friends were sick, I volunteered at AIDS Project Los Angeles (known as APLA), then I joined the Board of Directors of APLA, and was in leadership there during some of the most critical years of the AIDS epidemic.

When I was President of Public Works I had the honor of working on numerous important programs to help our City, including our Targeted Local Hire program to help Angelenos most in need of a job to get a union card and city employment.

That work earned me an endorsement from many labor unions including the Service Employees International Union Local 721 and the Teamsters.

My work continued with the creation of the City's Petroleum Safety Office -- to finally begin protecting vulnerable communities from polluters. This environmental work earned me the endorsement of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters.

When it comes to homelessness, the City Attorney's race is the most important race on the ballot. That is because so many issues around homelessness today are being decided in the courts.

I will bring a new legal strategy to solving homelessness on our streets.

We know that the City of Los Angeles cannot solve homelessness alone. We need every City in LA County to step up and be a partner in providing housing and services for our unhoused population.

As City Attorney, I will use the power of the office to go through court to get a court ruling that requires all of our neighboring cities to work together on solving homelessness under the same legal standard that we will follow here in Los Angeles. I will finally bring a regional solution to the homelessness crisis that we have needed for so long.

I'm Kevin James, and I am your candidate for Los Angeles City Attorney.