

Los Angeles County Measure E

Measure J continuation + County Ethics Commission

November 3, 2026, General Election

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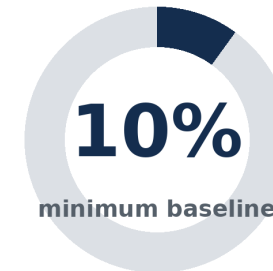
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What is on the November 3, 2026 ballot?

Countywide charter amendment — majority vote required

- The measure is identified as County Measure E in and is a countywide charter amendment.
- The ballot question combines two subjects: (1) greater independence, structure and permanence for the County Ethics Commission / Office of Ethics Compliance; and (2) uninterrupted continuation of the County's community-investment and alternatives-to-incarceration commitment.
- The Board of Supervisors adopted the final ordinance on July 28, 2026, and ordered the special election consolidated with the November 3, 2026. general election.
- The key Measure J provision is the continuation of a baseline minimum 10% set-aside of locally generated unrestricted General Fund revenues (Net County Cost).

10% SET-ASIDE



The legal lineage: Measure J → Measure G → Measure E

2020

2024

2026

Measure J

Voters approve 10% budget set-aside for community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

57.12% YES

Measure G

Voters approve county governance reforms, including an independent Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance.

51.62% YES

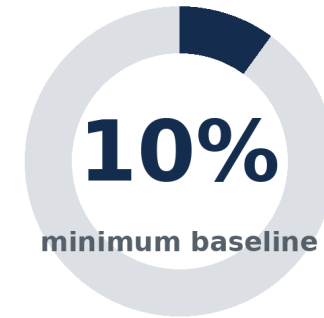
Measure E

Charter amendment restructures the ethics framework and carries the Measure J set-aside forward.

On Nov. 3 ballot

What Measure J did in 2020

- Required an annual budget allocation of no less than 10% of County locally generated unrestricted General Fund revenues.
- Directed the set-aside to two broad buckets: Direct Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration.
- Community Investment examples: youth development; job training; capital for minority-owned businesses; rental assistance/housing supports; transitional, affordable and supportive housing.
- Alternatives to Incarceration examples: restorative justice; pretrial non-custody services; community health, mental-health and substance-use services; diversion and reentry.
- Prohibited use of the set-aside for carceral systems or law-enforcement agencies, subject to legal-mandate exceptions.



Which Measure J provisions are carried into Measure E?

Measure J element	Carried forward?	2026 Measure E treatment
10% minimum	YES	At least 10% of locally generated unrestricted General Fund revenues (Net County Cost).
Community Investment	YES	Youth, jobs/training, minority-owned business capital, rent/housing assistance, housing capital.
Alternatives to Incarceration	YES	Restorative justice, pretrial non-custody services, community health, diversion/reentry.
No carceral / law-enforcement funding	YES	Same basic prohibition, with statutory court-funding and other legal-mandate exceptions.
No supplantation	YES	Set-aside cannot replace money otherwise allocated to the same categories.
Transparent allocation process	YES	Public input/public hearing and an inclusive, transparent allocation process.
4/5 fiscal-emergency reduction	YES	Board may reduce the set-aside by four-fifths vote if a qualifying fiscal emergency is declared.

Three important Measure J changes in the 2026 text

1

Both the Board of Supervisors AND the County Executive are expressly responsible for the allocation.

This aligns the Measure J funding duty with the post-Measure G governance structure.

2

The 10% set-aside is expressly made NOT subject to veto by the County Executive.

The four-fifths fiscal-emergency reduction authority remains.

3

The Measure J Charter language is moved to a different section of the Charter in Measure E to avoid inadvertent repeal.

Bottom line

Measure E preserves the substantive J framework while adapting who is legally bound by it.

Ballot Question Text

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ETHICS COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CHARTER AMENDMENT. Shall the measure amending the Los Angeles County Charter to provide greater independence and structure for the County of Los Angeles Ethics Commission, Office of Ethics Compliance, and Ethics Compliance Officer, including appointment processes, qualifications, term, duties, and responsibilities, and to continue uninterrupted the County's commitment to community investment and alternatives to incarceration, as specified in the charter amendment ordinance, be adopted?

The End