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**Los Angeles County Bar Association Urges a “Yes” Vote on Judicial Retention During  
the California General Election on November 6**

*Two California Supreme Court Justices and 17 Second District Court of Appeal Justices are on the Ballot*

**LOS ANGELES – October 24, 2018** – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA), one of the largest voluntary bar associations in the country, is urging Los Angeles County voters to vote “yes” on whether to retain two sitting justices of the California Supreme Court and 17 sitting justices of the Second District Court of Appeal for another 12-year term during the California General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

California’s judicial retention election process promotes the rule of law and an independent judiciary by insulating sitting justices from outside political pressures. These retention elections are uncontested. The only question before the voters is whether each justice – previously appointed by the governor after a thorough vetting process – has properly performed his or her judicial function and should remain in office. Consistent with their roles as neutral arbiters of the law, justices do not actively campaign in their own retention elections.

“I have never doubted the intellect, passion, work ethic, and integrity that California’s Supreme Court and Court of Appeal justices bring to the task of judging,” said LACBA President Brian S. Kabateck. “These justices should be free from partisan considerations and political pressure as they perform their important work. I encourage voters to vote ‘yes’ to retain each of the justices on the November 6 ballot. Ultimately, a vote in favor of our sitting appellate justices is a vote for the rule of law.”

**About the Los Angeles County Bar Association**

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the nation and has nearly 20,000 members. LACBA is engaged in advancing the administration of justice and meeting the professional needs of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals. Visit [www.lacba.org](http://www.lacba.org) for more information.

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