



*Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council  
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## **LA/OC BUILDING TRADES ENDORSE IN NORTH LA COUNTY WORKER ALLIES GAIN UNION APPROVAL**

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LOS ANGELES, July 31, 2024—Reflecting the priorities of thousands of union members who call north LA County home, the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council has endorsed candidates for crucial seats in Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster in the Nov. 5 election.

“These local elected officials have a direct effect on the livelihood of our union members, their families and communities,” said Ernesto Medrano, Executive Secretary of the Building Trades Council. “When we endorse for these non-partisan offices, we are truly non-partisan—we endorse both Democrats and Republicans. We work with the candidate who will do the best job for our members, their families and their communities.”

The candidates include:

**Antelope Valley Union High School District:**

Cynthia Hernandez, District 5

Rosemary Mann, District 4

**Palmdale Water District:**

Cynthia Sanchez, Division 3

**Santa Clarita City Council:**

Patsy Ayala, District 1

**Santa Clarita Community College District/College of the Canyons:**

Michelle Kampbell, Area 1

Andrew Taban, Area 3

**Santa Clarita Valley Water District:**

Kathye Armitage, Division 3

Gary Martin, Division 1

Dan Masnada, Division 1

These new additions to the “Class of 2024” join hundreds of other elected officials who have earned the Building Trades endorsement. Medrano said, “Their decisions will make a difference when it comes to creating affordable housing and infrastructure with a union workforce; educating our next generation on the value of union apprenticeship; and making Project Labor Agreements that bring in local residents for long-term, middle-class Building Trades careers.”

For the complete list, please go to: [www.LAOCBuildingTrades.org](http://www.LAOCBuildingTrades.org)

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