

LOS ANGELES BAR ASSOCIATION

ADVISORY BALLOT

For the reasons set forth in the enclosed statement, the Board of Trustees requests that each member of the Association cast his vote on the following question:

"SHALL PERSONS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED BE ADMITTED TO
MEMBERSHIP IN THE LOS ANGELES BAR ASSOCIATION RE-
GARDLESS OF RACE OR COLOR?"

(To indicate your vote, mark (X)
in the appropriate square.)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Enclose this ballot together with the ballot on officers and trustees in the blank envelope provided and seal same. Enclose sealed envelope in addressed envelope and write your name on outside of addressed envelope in space provided therefor. All ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 2:30 P.M., Saturday, January 14, 1950.

BALLOTS OF VOTERS WHO FAIL TO PLACE THEIR NAMES ON THE ENVELOPES
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL IMMEDIATELY

BALLOT
LOS ANGELES BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ELECTION

January 14, 1950

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Candidates whose names are printed on the ballot were nominated by the Nominating Committee. To vote for a candidate, mark (X) in the square next to the right of the name of such candidate. If the ballot does not contain the names of all candidates for whom you desire to vote, you may write the names of those for whom you desire to vote in the blank spaces provided.

SECTION I

From Active Members of the Association

FOR PRESIDENT
(Vote for One (1) Candidate)

DANA LATHAM	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT
(Vote for One (1) Candidate)

STEVENS FARGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT
(Vote for One (1) Candidate)

HERMAN F. SELVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR SECRETARY
(Vote for One (1) Candidate)

W. I. GILBERT, JR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION II

FOR TRUSTEES

*From the Active Members of
the Association*

(Vote for Four (4) Candidates)

JACKSON W. CHANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>
KENNETH N. CHANTRY	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROSS C. FISHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
BURDETTE J. DANIELS	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION III

FOR TRUSTEES

From the Affiliated Associations

(Vote for Two (2) Candidates)

HENRY L. KNOOP Whittier Bar Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
HENRY McCLERNAN Glendale Bar Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT: After voting, enclose this ballot and the advisory ballot re membership in blank envelope provided and seal same. Enclose sealed envelope in addressed envelope and write your name on outside of addressed envelope in space provided therefor. All ballots must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 2:30 P. M., Saturday, January 14, 1950.

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LOS ANGELES BAR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT CONCERNING ADVISORY BALLOT

In December, 1947, there was submitted to the members of the Association a ballot on a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Los Angeles Bar Association which would have added thereto the following sentence:

Membership shall not be denied or abridged by reason
of race, color, creed, or national ancestry.

There was also submitted to the membership an advisory ballot on the following question:

Shall qualified Negroes be admitted to membership in the
Los Angeles Bar Association?

The proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 642 to 844, and the vote on the advisory ballot was in the negative, 661 voting "yes" and 746 voting "no."

It is the view of the Board of Trustees that no amendment to the Constitution is necessary to permit the admission of Negroes to membership in the Association, but as a matter of practice they have not been admitted, and the Trustees have accepted the vote in 1947 as a mandate of the membership to continue this practice.

There is not now pending any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Association, but it is the belief of the Trustees that the membership should be given another opportunity to vote on this issue. Two years have elapsed since the question was last submitted, and the Trustees feel that some of the members may have changed their views, and that persons who have become members since the last vote was taken should be allowed to express their convictions.

The position of the Los Angeles Bar Association on this question continues to be a controversial matter, not only within our own Association, but also within the State Bar where it has been the subject of protracted discussion at every convention during the last few years.

In view of the foregoing, the Board of Trustees has ordered resubmission of the question to the members for decision by written ballot. Enclosed is a form of ballot calling for a "yes" or "no" vote on the issue:

Shall persons otherwise qualified be admitted to membership in the Los Angeles Bar Association regardless of race or color?

All ballots should be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 2:30 P.M., Saturday, January 14, 1950.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

CLARENCE B. RUNKLE,

President.

January 16, 1950

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOS ANGELES BAR ASSOCIATION
1124 Rowan Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Gentlemen:

The special committee which was appointed by President Clarence B. Runkle to count the advisory ballot, which was mailed to the membership on December 29, 1949, on the following question?

"Shall persons otherwise qualified be admitted to Membership in the Los Angeles Bar Association regardless of race or color?"

begs respectfully to report as follows:

The ballot was counted today, with the following result:

1611 ballots were voted

Number of "Yes" votes 1018

Number of "No " votes 593

A copy of the ballot is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Welch

Robert L. Ordin

Loyd Wright, Jr.

Thomas C. Yager

Edward C. Freutel, Jr.

William G. Robertson