

# Two Evils

 VOTING GUIDE 

# 2024

**EXHAUSTED, FURIOUS, WHY-SHOULD-WE-BOTHER  
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024 ENDORSEMENTS  
FOR THE DESPAIRING,  
RESENTFUL, AND PRINCIPLED**

“There is but one evil party with two names, and it will be elected despite all I can do or say.”

—W.E.B. Du Bois

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**WE LIVE IN HELL.** It's been a year of live-streamed genocide, thousand year storms, and encampment crackdowns.

A year of imperial boomerang flowering as fascist cop cities and a two party system melding into one elite power structure whose grip relies not on campaigns of concession but overt extermination.

We watch this blood-soaked electoral contest as the "liberal" party rushes to claim the crown of genocider-in-chief, deporter-in-chief, privatizer-in-chief, while her administration sends Israel 65% of its bombs and runs diplomatic cover to launder its crimes, while Democrats in our state beg the right-wing Supreme Court to brutalize homeless people and students, while their whole recruitment strategy is to tell us Amy Klobuchar said Dick Cheney said Kamala is Brat.

And there is blood on our hands, too. It's our tax dollars that fund Israel's bombs, our politicians who sign off on mass slaughter, our bosses who invest in arms, our landlords who buy illegal settlements, our media which excuses atrocities. We live in this hell because of our collective failure to make it otherwise—by showing up every few years to choose



a lesser evil, lesser by degrees that require a larger and larger microscope.

But in our complicity there is leverage: We can organize at work and at home and at school, in our city and our cultural spheres to boycott, divest, and sanction.

We have leverage in every single axis of our lives. The majority of Americans want an arms embargo—and healthcare and housing—but we need to build the infrastructures of counter-vailing power to enforce our popular will.

This year we have also watched an occupied people resist, unhoused people fight back, and they need not our sympathy but our sacrifice—of our time, our energy, someone else's approval—to act in solidarity such that another reality is possible. We owe it to the universes of martyrs and those surviving and to each other to take responsibility for what we do everyday to remake the world. **HAPPY VOTING!**



# **STATE BALLOT MEASURES**

## **Prop 2: YES**

We are still clawing out of the fallout of California's property tax revolt. Prop 13, passed in 1978, more than halved California's budget, lavished permanent benefits on the state's wealthiest homeowners, and decimated its welfare, infrastructure, and public school spending. Now, to pay for repairs of its public schools—where almost 40% of students are stuck in substandard conditions and 15% in hazardous conditions—California will borrow \$10 billion from rich people, and have to pay \$16 billion back. What are you gonna do, say no?

## **Prop 3: YES**

Marriage is an economic contract that allows people within the dyadic couple form to access state subsidies and pass on their assets. But the state should let gays do it, too. (Anyone remember “NOH8”?)



# STATE BALLOT MEASURES

## Prop 4: YES

To pay for water, fire & wildlife protection, California will borrow \$10 billion from rich people, and have to pay \$16 billion back. What are you gonna do, say no?

## Prop 5: YES

This prop will drop the threshold for approval for local government bonds from 2/3 of voters to 55%. Pruning the limbs of 70s counter-insurgency one branch at a time, that 2/3rds rule is another artifact of the tax revolt of Prop 13: they imposed austerity and called it democracy. With Prop 5, the Realtors Association won a bullshit carve out to protect their precious single family homes, and the state will proceed to subsidize developers and private corporations, but we should lower the hurdle for government projects from a de-facto veto.

# STATE BALLOT MEASURES

## Prop 6: YES

Some 60,000 of the 90,000 people trapped in prisons (not including jails) in California are paid in cents per hour to clean, serve, cook, sew, slaughter cattle, machine license plates, pick almonds, even (for a little extra) fight wildfires, and they are routinely beaten, denied parole, showers, calls, food, or thrown into solitary if they refuse this work. America's **public** prisons have been forcing incarcerated people to work for private companies and other public agencies since 1979—now an \$11 billion dollar industry nationwide. This is forced labor, in other words, involuntary servitude, in other words, slavery. Even Alabama has outlawed it, but Suited Slenderman Governor Newsom fought to preserve it in our state. No incarcerated person will be safe from forced labor so long as they are incarcerated, but we should give them a defense on the books.

## Prop 32: YES

Raise the goddamn minimum wage! At \$18/hour, you'd still have to put half your wages towards the average apartment.



# STATE BALLOT MEASURES

## **Prop 33:** DEAR GOD YES

Props to the landlord lobby for spending \$112+ million on a campaign of lies, which has confused even my own friends. Prop 33 legalizes expansions of rent control by repealing a 1995 State law, Costa-Hawkins, which 1) Froze rent control laws at 1995 OR the year when rent control was passed in your city. In LA, this was 1978. In SF, it was 1979. 2) Exempted single family homes. In a single unit building or one built anytime after that year, your landlord can raise your rent whenever and however much he likes, also known as “whatever the market will bear” Rent control stops landlords from ruining people’s lives. Rent control stops tenants from losing their homes and ending up without one. Rent control is collective bargaining at the city scale. This law doesn’t even give it to us it just makes it legal, finally, to try.

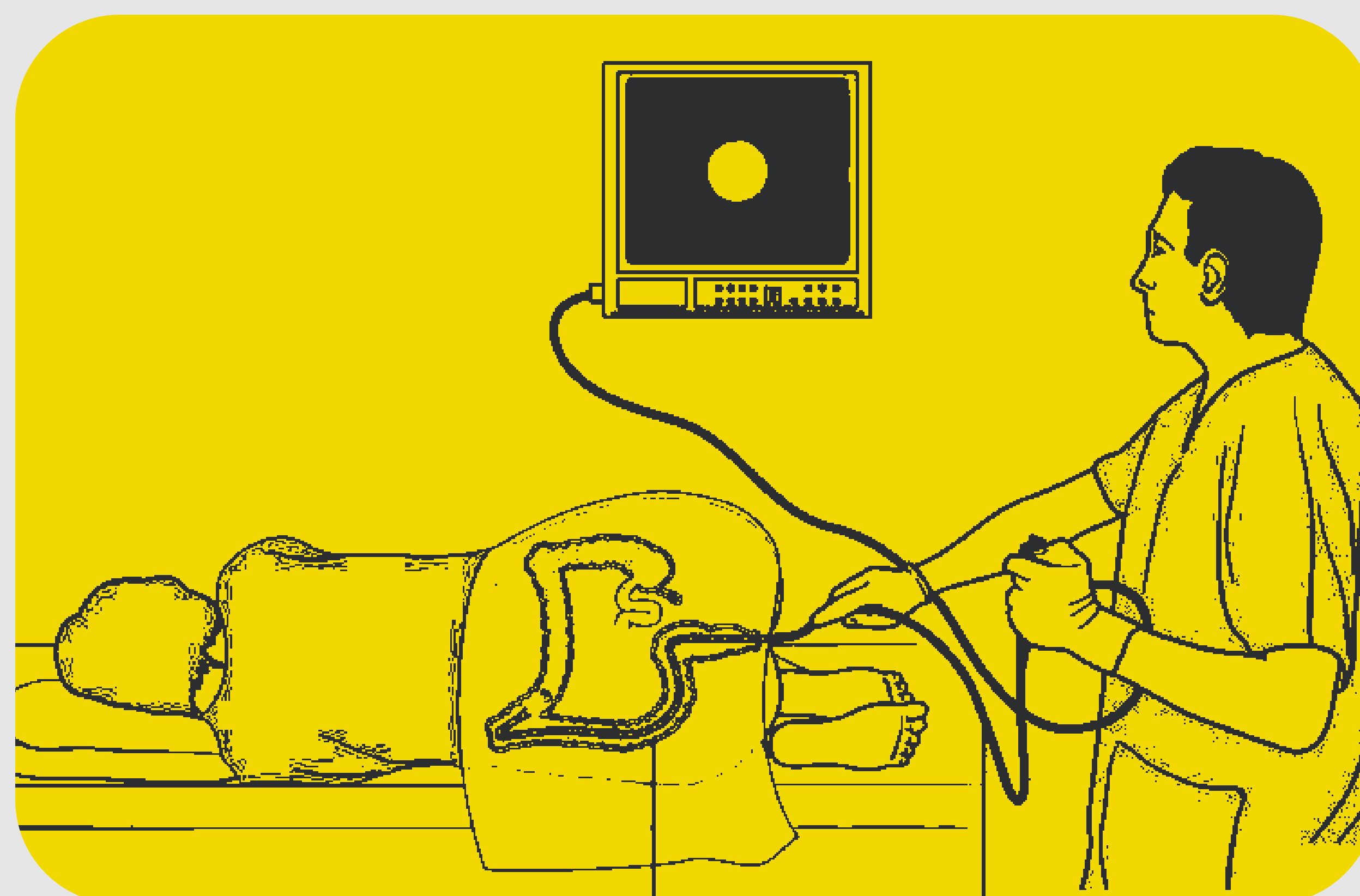
# STATE BALLOT MEASURES

## Prop 34: NO

This measure is worded to limit the spending activities of one single organization: the Aids Healthcare Foundation. Why? Because, again, props to the landlord lobby, they invented a ballot measure to prevent the one organization running rent control ballot measures from ever doing it again. Is the AHF a fucked up organization? Yes. For this, I will embrace the contradictions.

## Prop 35: NO

I do not trust enormous healthcare companies to regulate the payments to enormous healthcare companies.





# STATE BALLOT MEASURES

## Prop 36: FUCK NO

We should not revive the racist class warfare of the War on Drugs. We should not make it a felony to possess illicit drugs. We should not have mandatory minimum sentences for petty retail theft. We should not bring back three strikes laws to cage people for the primes of their lives. We should not make mass incarceration even more massive. Poverty, addiction, and homelessness are crimes of our capitalist system, not individuals. Already, about 1 in every 49 Black adults and 1 out of every 204 adults in California is trapped in a cage, at the public cost of \$132,860 per person per year. Free them all. Until then, we should give the state absolutely no more reasons to lock people up.





## LA COUNTY MEASURES

### **Measure A:** YES

A .05% sales tax (50 cents for every \$100) will generate \$1.1 billion a year for LA county's programs for unhoused people. We could literally take the money from LA's 53 billionaires, who have a combined wealth of \$222 billion, and most of those programs suck, but some of that is keeping people housed right now. We need to build the power to change the policy paradigm. Until then, we can't throw people housed by these programs outdoors.

### **Measure E:** YES

Taxing property owners for fire services that protect property. Fine.





# LA COUNTY MEASURES



## **Measure G:** NO

In 1850 when the population of LA was 9,000, we had 5 county supervisors. In 2024, when the population of LA is 10 million people, we have 5 county supervisors. Measure G would update that from 5 to.. 9 whole people? Seems fine/pathetic. BUT the measure would also create a County Executive which is basically a County Mayor with no term limits and veto powers over policy. We do not need another fame-hungry figurehead who real estate developers can bribe.

# LA CHARTER AMENDMENTS

## **Amendment DD: YES**

Kevin de Leon: “put [it] in the blender and chop [it] up.”

Nury Martinez: “slice and dice the baby.” Ron Herrera: “I get what we have to do, just create districts that benefit you all.”

When three City Council members and the Labor Fed Chair were caught on tape trading epithets and slurs, the scandal went deeper than vibes-based racism: it was racism as class war, a gerrymandering scheme to break up the power of tenants. “It serves us not to give [opposing councilwoman] all of K-Town,” Martinez said, “because that solidifies her renters’ district, and that is not a good thing for any of us.” The political process is always rigged against the propertyless, whether or not Council draws its own districts. But at least we can take that power away.

## **Amendment ER: YES**

Makes the stick a little bigger for politicians who violate “ethics rules” and makes the stick a little closer to reach.



# LA CHARTER AMENDMENTS

## **Amendment FF: NO**

Do you want to pay public money so cops can have cushier pension plans?

## **Amendment HH: YES**

This amendment gives the City Controller the ability to shine a light into the shadow state—those unaccountable, non-profit subcontractors which the city sloughs off responsibility and resources to, and which make up the Homeless Industrial Complex. (Just because it's a nonprofit doesn't make it good—and doesn't mean people aren't making bank.) See, for example, Urban Alchemy, the “wolves in sheeps clothing” scam of “outreach workers” who alchemize public funds as mercenaries and jailers of people who live outside. As one worker himself admitted, “the cops rarely fuck with us, because we do all their work.” During one winter sweep, another doused an unhoused person with a hose.

# LA CHARTER AMENDMENTS

## **Amendment II: SURE**

Randomsauce updates including permission for the city's departments to sell their own merch (meh) and public access to zoning regulations (woo).



## **Amendment LL: YES**

Wrench redistricting of LAUSD from the hands of the electeds who'd use it for their own benefit.

## **Bond Measure US: YES**

Public debt (meh) for public schools (woo).



[...]

by Fady Joudah

You have entered the tunnel.  
There is a light in the endless tunnel.  
Every word you think of  
has already been written  
by you or others who skim  
the spume of their seas.  
They love to travel.  
They love you more when you're dead.  
You're more alive to them dead.  
Resuscitated, you enter the tunnel  
you've been walking toward,  
marched toward, expelled into,  
dug with your spleen,  
the graveyard of your blood.  
Your mass, excised,  
clears your margins.  
The passive voice  
is your killer's voice.  
From time to time, they vote.  
From time to time, language dies.  
It is dying now.  
Who is alive to speak it?

# POLITICIANS

It's like apples and... apples! Or like, buying an apple at Whole Foods and having an apple delivered by Amazon. And yes, one bad apple does spoil the barrel. If your race isn't there it's because both candidates made me too sick, equally sick, or because it's Donkey v Elephant (poor creatures to have to represent our ""two party"" system) and.... why bother.

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## CA STATE SENATE

(SEE ABOVE)

## CA STATE ASSEMBLY

**52nd District:** FRANKY CARRILLO

Carrillo was framed for murder by a LA County Sheriff and caged for 20 years.

**54th District:** JOHN YI

**57th District:** SADE ELHAWARY



# POLITICIANS

## US SENATE

Adam Schiff has taken more real estate money than any other congressional candidate plus AIPAC. Hope he \*\*\*s.

## US ASSEMBLY

### **34th District:** DAVID KIM

\*ACTUALLY HUMAN CANDIDATE ALERT\* The litmus test for an actually human candidate: Boycott Divestment Sanctions and public housing.

### **37th District:** JUAN REY

LA Metro train mechanic and member of Trotskyist Working Class Party who unlike his Democratic opponent is against the war.

# POLITICIANS

## LA CITY COUNCIL

### **District 2:** JILLIAN BURGOS

Would be the second renter on City Council... Don't hold your breath!

### **District 10:** LITERALLY WHY BOTHER

Zionist Yimby vs. Zionist Nimby.

### **District 14:** YSABEL JURADO

BC Kevin de Leon thinks he can cover up the leaked tape scandal of his commitment to racist class war.





## POLITICIANS

# DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## GEORGE GASCÓN (FTP)

Even though what the state calls “crime” is down, George Gascón’s opponent is running a classic fear-mongering law-and-order campaign to reverse the reforms of the “progressive” DA. Gascón had wins: he helped LA end cash bail, the death penalty, and trying children as adults. He dismissed 60,000 cannabis charges, reclaimed \$2,750,000 in wages stolen by bosses, and freed almost 200 people by ordering resentencing hearings. But he has not kept his promise to prosecute murderous cops and tried to criminalize Stop LAPD Spying’s Watch the Watchers campaign to name and shame officers.

## POLITICIANS

### LAUSD BOARD OF ED.

We are voting with the teacher's union against charter schools.

#### **District 1:**

This race makes me wish Elon made twitter likes private sooner, so I didn't have to know the pornography and racial preferences of my formerly preferred candidate.

**District 3:** SCOTT SCHMERELSON

**District 5:** KARLA GRIEGO

## JUDGES

We are voting public defenders OR BUST.

**Office No. 39:** GEORGE TURNER

**Office No. 48:** ERICKA WILEY

**Office No. 97:** LA SHAE HENDERSON



## POLITICIANS

# LA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Anyone who questioned the \$125 million LACC spent on Sheriffs and actually wants to spend money on education

**Seat 1:** CHEYENNE SIMS

**Seat 3:** NANCY PERLMAN



# PRESIDENT

**YOU WILL NOT VOTE FOR HOLOCAUST HARRIS.** This is California. If anyone comes at you with some shit about electing Trump, please remind them the Harris campaign gagged Walz's promises to end the electoral college. Under this winner-take-all scam and in the Left's current state, your presidential vote—gasp—does not matter.

Harris is off whatever hazy "Coconut Tree" Cocktail she'd been on as VP. She's on those "I'm speaking" Top Cop uppers now, and her circumlocutions always manage to hang short, shriveled, and to the Right. Appoint more border agents. Fund the police. Subsidize real estate developers. No red lines and "unconditional" support to the Jewish supremacist ethnostate actively committing a genocide, facilitating ethnic cleansing, and spreading its war to Lebanon. No.

Biden promised "nothing will fundamentally change" but the Al Aqsa Flood ripped the mask off our grotesque normal to reveal imperialist slaughter as the symptom of the world, and while chucking the fascist boomerang, the Democrats



presided over its eternal return by criminalizing protest, immigration, and the homeless. They deserve the Hague, they deserve Hell, they definitely deserve to lose—whether or not people who don't organize tell us we can organize better if they're in power.

Another tragedy of this election cycle is that you also probably should not vote for Jill Stein, who was graciously handed a silver platter of leverage to stop the slaughter and chose instead to light it on fire. Noura Erakat offered to join as Green VP on the condition that the Party drop out and endorse Kamala if and only if she called for an arms embargo—the Green Party's 3% share of the electorate could have for once had meaning as carrot and stick. We could have had a principled, nationwide channel to register our opposition and the centrists would have had no way to cry spoiler. I would have knocked fucking doors. But no. They refused because they wanted to preserve their ballot line. I'm sorry, Jill, I would like my politicians to understand politics. And PS it's crazy you don't know the number of people who serve in Congress.

**HERE ARE SOME WRITE-INS TO CONSIDER:**

**LEILA KHALED, RASHIDA TLAIB, BOTH DIE**



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If you relied on these **Two Evils** guides over these twelve (🤪) years, you can:

1) Join a fucking group (see: LA Tenants Union, Stop LAPD Spying, KTown For All, Writers Against the War on Gaza, Jewish Voice for Peace, Labor for Palestine, LA Mutual Aid, LA Street Care)

2) Buy my book, **ABOLISH RENT: HOW TENANTS CAN END THE HOUSING CRISIS**, just out from Haymarket: [bit.ly/abolishrent](https://bit.ly/abolishrent)