

JUSTICE IS ONLY AS JUST AS YOUR DA

A DA HAS A DUTY TO

"SEEK JUSTICE...NOT MERELY TO CONVICT."

--AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS FOR THE PROSECUTION FUNCTION

25%

LA County has the largest local prosecutor's office in the country--the cases filed here make up 25% of all criminal/juvenile cases filed in California.



DAs have absolute immunity, which means they can never be sued for any abuse/misuse of their power.

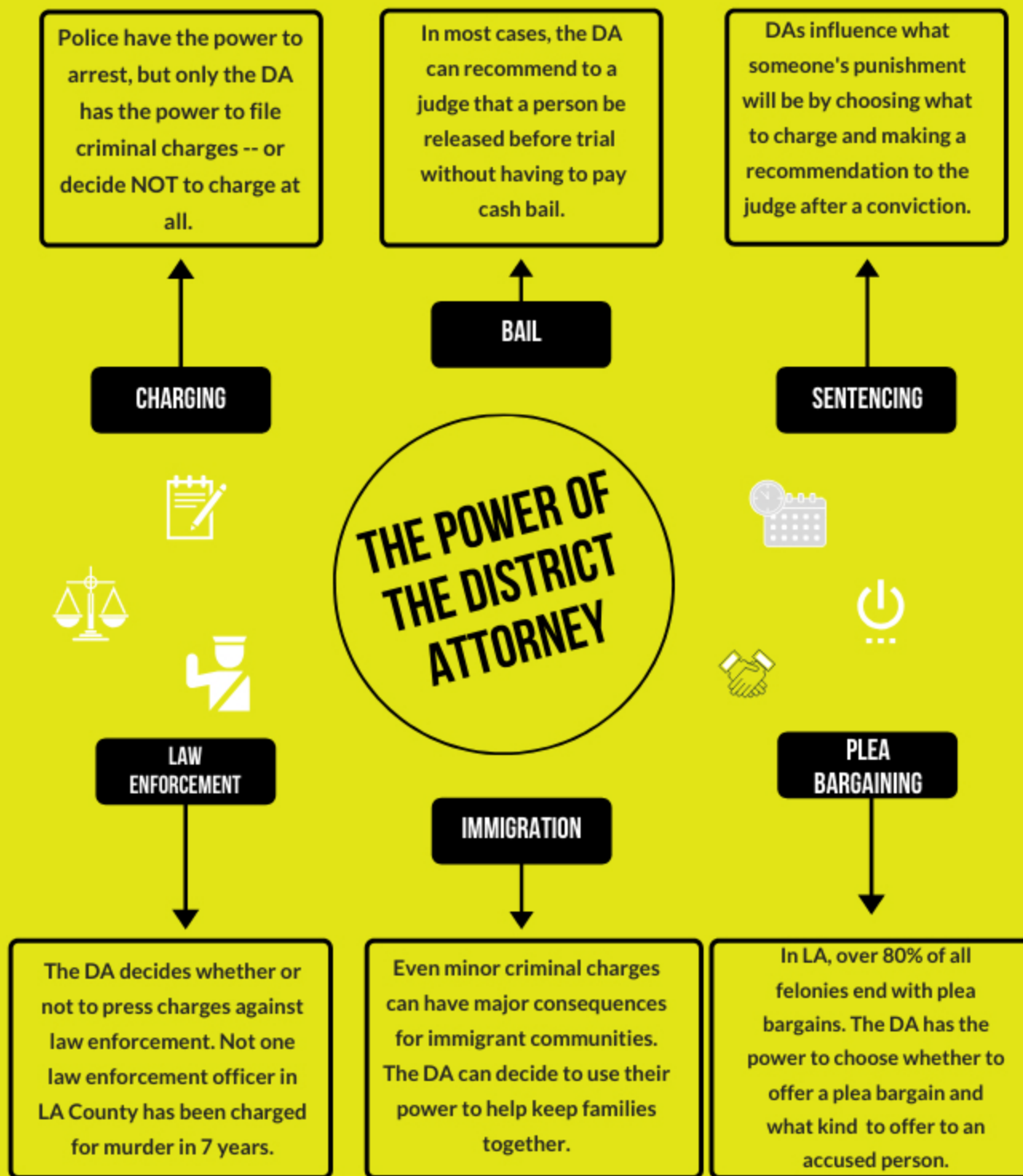
USE THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE ON
MARCH 3, 2020

TO VOTE FOR A DA WHO REFLECTS YOUR VALUES

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A & B fight outside a bar. A grabs a bottle and hits B with it, causing injury. Police arrive and arrest A.



Once the facts are given to the prosecutor, she has the power to **CHOOSE** a charge against A.

Prosecute?

No

Prosecutor's Options:

Dismiss

the case for ANY reason:
She may think A was a foolish kid, that it was mutual combat, etc.

No conviction



Go home!

Yes

Charge a misdemeanor

Misdemeanor battery =
Probation & maximum
6 months in jail

If convicted



Probation &
possible jail

Yes

Charge a felony

Assault with Deadly
Weapon =

Possible strike on A's
record and maximum
4 years in prison

If convicted



Probation &
possible prison

P O S T - C O N V I C T I O N :

PROBATION AND PAROLE:

A DA's power lasts **beyond sentencing**. DAs also provide recommendations for probation terms, which can include virtually unmeetable conditions. DAs also have the ability to oppose someone's release on parole.

CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS:

The National Registry of Exonerations lists **over 2,500 exonerations** since 1989 and more than **22,000 YEARS LOST** to prison. DAs can establish conviction integrity units that investigate past cases in order to correct wrongs.