

Venus D. Johnson

Alameda County District Attorney
Appointment Interview
Tuesday, January 21, 2025



Public Safety & Accountability

Law Enforcement

Work in partnership with law enforcement at local and state level. Securing resources and leading local and statewide operations targeting criminal street gangs and human trafficking.

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Immigration

Developed policies at local and county level. Wrote model policy currently touted as state and national model for prosecutors' offices.

Hate Crimes

Oversaw Hate Crimes prosecution team. Issue statewide law enforcement bulletins and implemented training for law enforcement.

Fentanyl

Since April 2022, seized over 13 million fentanyl pills, 6,446 pounds of powder, and over 374 arrests.

Organized Retail Theft

Take downs of crime rings throughout the state. Recent case spanned 21 counties. Recent statewide operation charging 22 suspects — in collaboration with OPD.

Prevention & Alternatives to Incarceration

Record clearance, Back on Track LA, victim centered restorative justice for low-level juvenile offenses, and conviction review.

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Rob Bonta
Attorney General
of California



Brooke Jenkins
San Francisco
District Attorney



Diana Becton
Contra Costa
District Attorney



John Marsh
CAL DOJ Chief
(Retired)



Reygan Cunningham
California Partnership for
Safe Communities



Kenton Rainey
BART Police Chief
(Retired)



Tony Jones
Assistant Chief
OPD (Retired)



Ersie Joyner
OPD Captain
(Retired)



Joyce Dudley
Santa Barbara
District Attorney (Retired)

And many current and former local, state, and federal prosecutors.

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Lateefah Simon
U.S. Representative
CA-12



Aisha Wahab
State Senator
SD-10



Buffy Wicks
Assemblymember
AD-14



Mia Bonta
Assemblymember
AD-18



Liz Ortega
Assemblymember
AD-20



Adena Ishii
Mayor of Berkeley



Ken Houston
Oakland City
Councilmember



Ryan Richardson
Oakland
City Attorney



Libby Schaaf
Former Mayor of Oakland



Barbara Parker
Former Oakland
City Attorney

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Backed By Community



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URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Cynthia Adams,
Community Advocate for
Education

Regina Jackson,
Oakland Youth Advocate

Christine Gerchow,
Former Director of Juvenile
Justice Health Services,
Alameda County

Kimberly Ellis, Director of
SF Dept. on Status of Women

Robert Harris,
Community Leader

Arnold Perkins,
Community Leader

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Ready to Lead on Day One.

20 years of experience in legal, law enforcement, and criminal justice leadership.

Seasoned Prosecutor

Prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies (homicide, sexual assault, robbery, gun and gang cases).

Consumer protection, environment, labor wage theft, and civil rights.

Skilled Manager

Currently oversee department of 5,600 employees and budget of \$1.3 billion as Chief Deputy Attorney General.

Managed trial teams and implemented new policies.

Daughter of Alameda County

Born and raised in Oakland, and proud daughter of an immigrant mother and retired Oakland Police Department Correctional Officer.

**Thank you for your
consideration.**

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