



**LA County Board Of Supervisors Poll Results...**

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# Ridley-Thomas Leads By Wide Margin in Simulated Campaign

LOS ANGELES – In a simulated campaign between Sen. Mark Ridley Thomas and Bernard Parks in the race for Supervisor in Los Angeles County’s Second District, Ridley-Thomas wins by a margin of 22 percent, according to a recent poll.

The poll, which was conducted by David Binder Research in mid-March on behalf of an alliance of community and worker groups, shows Ridley-Thomas with less initial name recognition than his primary opponent, but after a series of positive and negative statements about both candidates, Ridley-Thomas jumps to a lead of 22 percent.

	Parks	Ridley-Thomas	Minor Candidates	Undecided	Net Ridley-Thomas
Vote 1: Initial Ask	30	25	6	39	-5
Vote 2: After Simulated Campaign	23	45	3	29	+22
<b>CHANGE:</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>+27</b>

Voters polled are likely participants in the June 3 election to replace Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke and responded positively to Ridley-Thomas’ position and background in a number of key areas such as working on alternatives to gangs, reducing drug-related crimes and promoting affordable housing.

The poll results come on the heels of the launch of a major effort by workers and community members to elect Ridley-Thomas to the Board of Supervisors. Working in coalition as the Alliance for a Stronger Community, hundreds rallied Saturday followed by the first precinct walk and phone bank in which volunteers began calling and knocking on doors about the election. Get-out-the-vote efforts will continue until the election.

To read the complete memo on the poll, please visit [www.launionaficio.org](http://www.launionaficio.org) or [www.seiu721.org](http://www.seiu721.org).

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