



**NITHYA
RAMAN**

| Los Angeles
★ City Councilmember
| 4th District

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Short Bio:

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Full Bio:

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After several years serving on the Silverlake Neighborhood Council as well as co-founding the SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition, Nithya felt there was a gap between city services and the expanding homelessness crisis – a gap she was equipped to fill.

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Since taking office, Councilmember Raman has prioritized delivering compassionate and effective services for people experiencing homelessness, building more affordable housing, and moving with greater urgency to meet our city's climate goals. She has built a dedicated team that takes a proactive approach to constituent services, ensuring her office both responds to incoming requests and goes out in the field to meet people where they are, informing them about vaccinations, rent relief, fire safety, and more.



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She serves as Chair of the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee, Vice Chair of the Homelessness & Poverty Committee, Vice Chair of the Housing Committee, and as a member of the Economic Development & Jobs and Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, & Equity Committees. See [here](#) for more information on CD4's extensive legislative efforts. In February 2022, she was appointed by Mayor Garcetti to represent the City of Los Angeles on the [South Coast Air Quality Management District](#) (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board.

Councilmember Raman lives in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles with her husband Vali Chandrasekaran and six-year-old twins Karna and Kaveri.

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Introduction:

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