Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Paul Krekorian has spent more than a decade in public service. Since 2010, he has served on the Los Angeles City Council where his leadership as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee helped guide the city through the Great Recession and toward greater economic promise. Paul is also chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Job Creation, the Vice Chair of the Entertainment and Facilities Committee, and sits on the Economic Development Committee, Trade, Commerce and Technology Committee, Executive Employee Relations Committee and the Board of Referred Powers.

He also serves on the boards of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Metrolink and the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments, a coalition of leaders advocating for the Valley’s two million residents.

Paul graduated from Reseda’s Cleveland High School before earning his B.A. in political science from the University of Southern California and a law degree from UC Berkeley. Upon graduating, he spent two decades practicing business, entertainment, and property litigation, while also devoting his time to reducing domestic and gang violence.

In 2006, after three years on the Burbank Board of Education, Paul won election to the California State Assembly, representing the 43rd District. In Sacramento, Paul worked to increase government accountability and transparency as co-chair of the Legislative Ethics Committee. He also worked on landmark legislation to improve the environment, and authored the state’s first successful film and television production tax incentive, which stemmed the tide of runaway production and secured thousands of California jobs.

Paul is the first Armenian-American elected to public office in the City of Los Angeles. He lives in the San Fernando Valley with his wife, Tamar, and children Hrag, Andrew and Lori.
COMMITTEES
1. Chair, Budget & Finance
2. Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Job Creation
3. Vice Chair, Entertainment & Facilities
4. Member, Economic Development
5. Member, Trade, Commerce & Technology
6. Member, Executive Employee Relations
7. Member, Board of Referred Powers

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

Above is a map of Los Angeles’ Second Council District. It stretches from the hills of Studio City to the edge of Verdugo Mountains Park in Sun Valley. It houses 260,065 Angelenos.

NEIGHBORHOODS:
• North Hollywood
• Studio City
• Sun Valley
• Valley Glen
• Valley Village
• Van Nuys
TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

• City Budget
  As the chair of the City Council’s Budget and Finance Committee, Councilmember Krekorian oversees the $9.2 billion city budget. He has been a fiscal watchdog for the city and is responsible for reforming LA’s finances and putting the city on a path to economic recovery.
  When Councilmember Krekorian took office in 2010, the projected deficit for this year was more than $1 billion. Since then, Krekorian has helped the city reduce costs by more than $800 million, nearly eliminating the entire structural deficit. Under his leadership, the city has also established the highest reserve fund in decades.
  Krekorian has also made improvements to the budget that benefit our neighborhoods by investing in infrastructure, public safety and people. He has restored needed funds to the Los Angeles Fire Dept., improved library hours, and directed funding toward sidewalk repair, tree trimming, graffiti abatement, neighborhood beautification projects, cleaning up illegally dumped items, and senior and student programs at our city’s parks.
  Erasing the city’s budget deficit is Krekorian’s first budgetary priority. Thanks to his committee’s work, the city is on track to make this happen within the next three years.

• Jobs
  Councilmember Krekorian is Chair of the City Council's newly created Ad Hoc Job Creation Committee and also sits on the Economic Development Committee. Throughout his tenure in office, Krekorian has worked to implement changes to the city’s policies that will make it easier to do business in Los Angeles, create good jobs and boost the city’s vital economic sectors.
  He has lowered and simplified the city’s confusing business tax, supported tax relief for Internet based businesses and new car dealers, crafted legislation that encourages the City of Los Angeles to contract with local businesses, cracked down on illegal medical marijuana dispensaries, and pushed for a better, streamlined permitting process for new businesses.
  Krekorian helped craft the City Council’s final plan to raise the city’s minimum wage, and took great pains to make sure it was done right, taking into consideration the wants and needs of working families, along with our small businesses and non-profit organizations.
  Krekorian believes that development must be smart and balanced with the needs of neighborhoods. He has opposed all out of character development projects, especially in residential neighborhoods. He successfully led the charge to prevent mansionization in Studio City, expanded that to Valley Village and is working on creating a sustainable policy for the rest of the city. He has also worked to reduce the number of billboards in Los Angeles, to eliminate mobile billboards - long a headache for Valley residents - and persuaded phone companies not to build commercial cell towers in parks and in front of single-family residences.

• Transportation
  Councilmember Krekorian believes that expanding the San Fernando Valley’s public transportation system will help grow the economy, create jobs and make life (and commutes) easier for residents. As a member of the Metro and Metrolink boards, he is
the Valley's primary voice for increased transit options and better connectivity between neighborhoods.
He advocates for expanding rail and bus transit in the Valley, including improving and possibly converting the Orange Line to light rail, completing the East Valley North-South Transit Corridor and Sepulveda Pass projects, linking the Red Line to the Bob Hope Airport and connecting the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys by rail. Krekorian recently inaugurated new, Valley-Westside express bus service over the Sepulveda Pass, cutting daily commutes by 40 minutes.
Krekorian has also advocated for new, less confusing parking signs throughout the city, voted to ban third-party phone apps that sell parking spaces, lifted parking restrictions near elementary schools and supported sensible parking citation reform.

• **The Arts**
For nearly a decade, Councilmember Paul Krekorian has fought hard for our government to do everything it can to preserve vital film and television jobs in Los Angeles and to stop runaway production. In 2009, he authored California’s first successful film and TV production incentive package, aimed at keeping LA the creative capital of the world.
Krekorian recently chaired the City Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Film and TV Production Jobs, where he successfully lobbied for the state to pass an expanded tax incentive package for film and TV production, saving thousands of jobs and creating billions in local economic activity. Read Krekorian’s Los Angeles Times Op-Ed supporting the new film tax incentive here. He has taken concrete steps to make Los Angeles more film friendly by extending a local tax incentive, waiving fees for filming at city-owned properties. Krekorian streamlined the permitting process and helped city departments find more efficient and effective ways to accommodate and assist filming. He now serves as Vice Chair of the City Council’s newly created Entertainment and Facilities Committee.
As a strong advocate for the arts, Krekorian has authored measures to fund public art, protect LA’s historic murals, prevent graffiti vandalism and preserve our city’s diverse cultural heritage.
Krekorian also supports the next generation of filmmakers. He created the annual Los Angeles Student Film Festival, the only Southern California film festival featuring the work of high school students.

• **Community**
Councilmember Krekorian is vocal advocate for neighborhood councils and bringing more community involvement to city government. He works closely with the neighborhood councils, associations, watches and all resident organizations in Council District 2. Krekorian believes that these organizations provide a valuable outlet for concerned and committed citizens to voice their opinions about issues considered by the City Council and city departments.
Throughout his time at City Hall, Krekorian has fought attempts to excessively curtail neighborhood council funding and has championed their inclusion in the budget process. In 2010, when he chaired the City Council’s Education and Neighborhoods Committee, Krekorian restored more than $1 million in rollover funding to neighborhood councils, arguing that a lack of funding “would not allow neighborhood councils what they need to meet their commitments.” In years since, he has made sure that
neighborhood councils are adequately funded and are able to have their say in city matters. Krekorian is also known for listening to residents and providing top-notch constituent services. He responds quickly and decisively when emergencies threaten neighborhoods and when residents are simply looking for assistance. His field office in North Hollywood is a neighborhood center of activity, outreach and information. Krekorian endeavors to bring city government to the doorsteps of his constituents and always welcomes their valuable input.

Highlighting his independence, Krekorian has repeatedly stood with ratepayers and led the fight against proposed rate increases sought by the Department of Water and Power. Krekorian also diligently worked to ensure that the community won a ratepayer advocate - an independent voice for Angelenos on DWP issues.

- **Public Safety**
  Councilmember Krekorian is committed to making the residents of Council District 2 safer through sound policies and supporting our city’s police and fire departments. He has a long history of fighting for safer streets and communities in Los Angeles. Krekorian has restored critical Los Angeles Fire Department services, by championing the hiring of hundreds of firefighters, and providing the department with funding to replace outdated safety equipment and to keep more ambulances on the street. He has prioritized decreasing emergency response times and proposed new ideas to make the fire department more responsive to residents. Krekorian proposed implementing an innovative Next Generation 9-1-1 system, which would make it possible for the hearing impaired and people in danger to send a text to request emergency services. Krekorian works hand-in-hand with the Los Angeles Police Department on community education programs, by supporting a well-funded and staffed department, and by fostering strong partnerships between law enforcement officers, elected leaders and neighborhoods. On his watch, violent crime has declined sharply in nearly all neighborhoods of Council District 2.
  He has also launched campaigns in his district to clean up parks, housing, railroad tracks and alleyways, turning them from hubs of crime into safe public spaces. Krekorian has also taken on graffiti head on with his #NoTag campaign, cleaning up more than one million square feet of graffiti in just 12 months. Krekorian is also known for his strong stand against gun violence and for the safety of children and families. His City Council measures have mandated safe storage for handguns in homes and electronic reporting of ammunition sales. He has also successfully banned the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines.

- **Environment**
  Since before was first elected to public office, Councilmember Krekorian has worked tirelessly to support the restoration of damaged ecosystems, fight global warming, prevent air pollution and promote sustainable development for our city and state. As an elected leader, he has taken action to move our environmental policies forward. As a Burbank School Board member, Krekorian led the charge to invest in conservation and renewable energy that not only made the district greener, but took the budget from red to black as a result savings from lower energy bills. With Krekorian’s leadership in environmental policy, the Burbank School Board proved that environmental policies are not only sound for the planet, but sound for teachers, students and entire communities.
When he was elected to the State Assembly, Krekorian continued his focus on sound sustainable policies and renewable programs by allowing local sewer districts to site renewable facilities on their rights-of-way and accelerate adoption of renewable energy at electric utilities throughout California. He also promoted water conservation, groundwater recharge and clearing our oceans of plastic debris that devastates the marine ecosystem.
In the City Council, his strong advocacy for sound environmental policies led the way for Los Angeles to become the largest city to ban single-use plastic bags and to prioritize revitalizing the LA River. Krekorian has also opened parks throughout Council District 2, pushed for the city to use and implement green technology and practices, acted to preserve our urban forest and protected our open space.

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