Mike Bonin represents the 11th District on the Los Angeles City Council, bringing a powerful voice for neighborhood empowerment and common sense solutions to city government.

As Councilmember for the city’s Westside, Mike’s priority is to put neighborhoods first. He is working to promote mass transit and traffic relief, protect the environment, and use technology to make government more effective, efficient and transparent.

Mike is known for his hands-on approach and his insistence on better city services. He can be seen frequently filling potholes, picking up trash, or trimming trees with city workers, or patrolling the streets with police officers or firefighters. As part of his ambitious “Access 11” plan to bring City Hall closer to our neighborhoods, Mike holds open community office hours in the evenings and on weekends at local farmers markets, coffee shops, and senior centers to provide working people access to their council representative when it is more convenient for them. Mike and his staff regularly go door-to-door, seeking ideas to improve city services, and coordinate service projects to improve our neighborhoods.

A regular user of mass transit who commutes to work by bus or train at least once a week, Mike is a key player in regional transportation matters. He is chair of the council’s Transportation Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and vice chair of the Metro Expo Line Construction Authority. Mike is a strong advocate for increasing our transportation choices, and believes we can relieve traffic and create livable streets and neighborhoods through greater use of rail, bus, bikes and walking.

In addition to his transportation portfolio, Mike is also vice-chair of the council’s committee on Trade, Commerce and Tourism, which oversees LAX International Airport. He also serves on the Council’s Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee.

Mike took office July 1, after winning a landslide victory in the March 2013 municipal primary. He garnered 62 percent of the vote in a four-person race, winning more votes than any other candidate for city council, and the highest proportion of the vote that any first-time candidate has obtained in a council primary in ten years. He quickly made a mark on the City Council - immediately winning approval for the repeal of an unpopular policy that ticketed motorists for parking at broken meters; and earning praise for his proposal to equip firefighters with modern technology, such as iPads or tablets.

Mike has worked on behalf of Westside neighborhoods since 1996, working in senior positions for Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Congresswoman Jane Harman, and Councilwoman Ruth Galanter. Mike also served as a regional field organizer in California for Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign, and was the co-founder and program director of Camp Courage, an acclaimed training program for community organizers fighting for the freedom to marry for the LGBT community.
Mike, who has a habit of wearing one of his seemingly endless supply of blue shirts for nearly every occasion, often balks at the typical conventions of politics. He loathes wearing a necktie, shows up for many neighborhood functions in shorts, and gives postcards of Ganesha, the Hindu deity known as the Remover of Obstacles, to city bureaucrats. Mike also occasionally gives lucky constituents and community groups one of the homemade “raw organic apple pies” he makes (and brags about incessantly).

Mike lives in Mar Vista with his husband, Sean Arian, a policy expert in economic development and green jobs creation. A former newspaper reporter, Mike graduated from Harvard University in 1989 with a B.A. in United States History.

COMMITTEES
1. Chair, Transportation Committee
2. Member, Planning & Programming Committee
3. Member, Construction Committee
4. Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION
NEIGHBORHOODS:
- Brentwood
- Del Rey
- Mar Vista
- Pacific Palisades
- Playa Del Rey
- Playa Vista
- West Los Angeles
- Westchester
- Venice

TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

- Transportation
  Reducing traffic by improving transportation options is one of Mike’s top priorities, and he is in great position to do just that. Mike was not only appointed as Chair of the Council’s Transportation committee and to the Metro Board of Directors, he was also elected Vice-Chair of the Expo Construction Authority. LAStreetsblog.org hit the nail on the head when it wrote: “For a man who took office less than three weeks ago, Bonin is now one of the most important people on transportation policy in the region.” Additionally, Mike has maintained his commitment to use public transportation, and he takes the Expo or 733 bus to work at least one day a week. Mike is also leading the charge to finally connect LAX with Metro rail. Working with partners at LAWA, Metro and Mayor Garcetti’s office, Mike has advocated for Metro stops at the LAX Connect Intermodal Transportation Facility to finally allow for people to easily and conveniently take public transportation to the airport in Los Angeles.

- Environment
  Stewardship of our natural resources is a top priority for Mike, and after just few months in office, Mike joined with his colleague Paul Koretz to lead one of the most important environmental causes in Los Angeles today - fracking. Mike is committed to water quality issues and he’s focusing both on protecting local water supplies from dangerous drilling, as well as on saving money and the environment by improving the way we use water in LA.

- Public Safety
  As a member of the Council’s Public Safety Committee, Mike has focused on protecting neighborhoods by making sure our firefighters, police officers and other first responders have both the technology and resources they need to protect families in LA. Mike is the author of the motion calling on the Fire Department to upgrade its archaic technology with tablet technology that will save money, time and lives when applied creatively in the field. Mike is also committed to protecting the people who protect us, and he sounded the alarm about dangerous low staffing levels at the LA Fire Department.
• **Technology & Jobs**
  Mike has made encouraging tech startups in Silicon beach a focus and we held his community swearing-in event at Google headquarters in Venice (nearly 700 people attended). Mike also helped welcome Microsoft to new offices in Playa Vista, where more than 300 people will work and he has met with entrepreneurs and Chamber of Commerce representatives to talk about ways we can continue attracting job-creating, cutting edge tech businesses to LA and the Westside.
  Mike is also supporting small businesses on the Westside, and he partnered with the Small Business Development Center and Santa Monica College to create a "small business concierge" position on his team. The Business Development Advisor will meet directly with local entrepreneurs to help them cut red tape as they start new businesses in Los Angeles.

• **Homelessness**
  As the representative of the Westside, which has one of the largest homeless populations in the City, Mike has made ending homelessness in Los Angeles a priority. Since taking office, Mike has focused on creating affordable housing, launching a multi-agency collaborative to end homelessness in Venice, and working with proven service providers making outreach efforts in Westside neighborhoods.
  Find out more about the work Mike is doing and legislation he has introduced below.

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