Los Angeles County
District Attorney's Office



2026 COURAGE AWARDS

Friday, October 9, 2026
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

City Club LA
555 Flower Street, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071

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2026 Award Recipients

JOHANNA MARTINEZ

Nominated by Deputy District Attorney Heather Brel and
Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Armour

Johanna Martinez was working as a food vendor in MacArthur Park on June 23, 2024, when a shooting took place, leaving an individual permanently paralyzed and a bystander critically wounded. Rushing immediately to the latter's side, Ms. Martinez administered CPR and kept him conscious and calm, providing critical assistance before the arrival of emergency medical personnel. Despite the risks of coming forward as a witness to a violent crime, Ms. Martinez later testified at both the preliminary hearing and trial, providing credible and consistent testimony that was instrumental to the prosecution of the case.

ALLIE SHEHORN

Nominated by Deputy District Attorney Sam Abourched and
Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Blatt

Following an escalating pattern of domestic violence by her former boyfriend, Allie Shehorn survived a brutal attack on May 23, 2024, when he unlawfully entered her home and stabbed her multiple times. Through her vital assistance, law enforcement was able to apprehend her attacker at a border checkpoint in Texas. The assault left her with permanent injuries and a lasting emotional impact. Ms. Shehorn later faced her abuser in court to testify during a highly publicized trial, with her testimony proving essential in securing guilty verdicts on all counts. In the wake of this trauma, she has emerged as a dedicated public advocate, using her platform to champion domestic violence survivors and empower others to seek justice.