GEORGE GASCÓN

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



On Dec. 7, 2020, George Gascón was sworn in as the 43rd District Attorney of Los Angeles County, delivering his visionary approach to criminal justice reform to the nation's largest local prosecutorial office.

Gascón, who rose through the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department from patrol officer to Assistant Chief of Police under Bill Bratton, served as Chief of Police in Mesa, Ariz., before being named Chief of Police in San Francisco by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom.

In 2011, Newsom tapped Gascón to fill the District Attorney vacancy created by Kamala Harris' election to the U.S. Senate. The Cuban-born attorney became that city's first Latino police chief and the nation's first police chief to become District Attorney.

During his two terms in office, Gascón decreased San Francisco's jail population by nearly 30% and reduced violent crime to historic lows. He was the nation's first District Attorney to call for an end to cash bail and first to launch an automatic record-clearing program for marijuana convictions following legalization.

Gascón created California's first independent investigation bureau to enhance transparency and limit the conflict of interest that occurs when police agencies investigate themselves. He was the state's only District Attorney to support a law creating stricter standards for police use of force.

Gascón holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Western State University, College of Law.

He is married to Fabiola Kramsky, a three-time Emmy Award-winning journalist.