

*George Whitesides financially backed Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon. Under Gascón, crime has skyrocketed since he stopped prosecuting crimes, and he eliminated cash bail which put violent criminals back on our streets.*

## **In 2020, Whitesides Contributed \$1,500 To Elect George Gascón As Los Angeles County District Attorney**

**In October 2020, Whitesides Contributed \$1,500 To George Gascón.** ([County Of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk](#), Accessed: 10/29/20)

10/29/20	<b>GEORGE WHITESIDES</b> (CHIEF SPACE OFFICER, VIRGIN GALACTIC)	<b>GEORGE GASCON</b> District Attorney 1422183 - GEORGE GASCON FOR LA DISTRICT ATTORNEY 2020	A - Monetary (IND - Individual) (Period:10/18/20-12/31/20)	\$1,500.00
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**In 2020, George Gascón Was Elected Los Angeles County District Attorney.** “George Gascón was elected Los Angeles County district attorney in 2020, a convulsive year in which Americans’ lives were upended by the pandemic and public confidence in the criminal justice system was shaken by the murder of George Floyd. The latter led to a reckoning over racial inequity in arrests, prosecutions and punishment. Voters wanted Gascón to set a corrective course in the nation’s largest local jurisdiction while keeping people safe.” (The Times Editorial Board, “Endorsement: Reelect George Gascón As Los Angeles County District Attorney,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 1/21/24)



## **Under George Gascón, Los Angeles County Had Increases In Crime**

**On December 7, 2020, George Gascón Took Office As The 43rd District Attorney For Los Angeles County.** “George Gascón is the 43rd District Attorney for Los Angeles County. He took office on Dec. 7, 2020, and immediately instituted a series of policies based on science, data and research to bring change within the criminal legal system. He is working to build a national model of criminal justice reform that supports and restores crime victims and survivors while addressing mass incarceration, racism and social systemic inequities. Throughout these historic reforms, public safety has been the overriding priority.” (“Meet The DA,” [Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office](#), Accessed: 2/6/24)

**Under George Gascón, Crime Spiraled Out Of Control In Los Angeles.** “Unsurprisingly, Gascon’s reign has seen crime continue to spiral out of control in Los Angeles. Compared to 2020, homicides in 2022 are up 14%, robbery is up 16%, aggravated assaults are up 10%, grand theft auto is up 23%, and shooting victims are up 12%. Hate crimes targeting black people have risen from 380 in 2020 to 596 in 2021 to 620 this year with one month still to go, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.” (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

**In 2022, Violent Crime Was Up 14.27% And Property Crime Was Up 11.83% In Los Angeles County Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)

- **In 2022, Robbery Was Up 23.6% Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)
- **In 2022, Aggravated Assault Was Up 13.5% Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)
- **In 2022, Burglary Was Up 34.7% Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)
- **In 2022, Larceny Theft Was Up 13.2% Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)
- **In 2022, Arson Was Up 23.6% Compared To 2021.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department](#), 1/22/23)



 <b>LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b> DEPARTMENT-WIDE PART I CRIMES JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2021 vs. 2022 			
CRIME	2021	2022	PERCENT CHANGE
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	281	195	-30.60%
RAPE	809	818	1.11%
ROBBERY	3,237	4,001	23.60%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9,416	10,690	13.53%
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>13,743</b>	<b>15,704</b>	<b>14.27%</b>
BURGLARY	7,737	10,419	34.66%
LARCENY THEFT	29,038	32,878	13.22%
GRAND THEFT AUTO	15,591	15,271	-2.05%
ARSON	532	589	10.71%
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>52,898</b>	<b>59,157</b>	<b>11.83%</b>
<b>PART I CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>66,641</b>	<b>74,861</b>	<b>12.33%</b>

Per the FBI Guidelines Homicide, Rape and Aggravated Assault are counted by victim. All other crimes are counted by incident, except Arson which is always counted.  
 Red depicts +30% increases and green depicts -30% decreases. N/C = Not Calculable  
 Source: LARCIS SC UCR Data  
 Report generated on 01/22/23

([Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department](#), 1/22/23)

**In 2021, Violent Crime Was Up 1.7% And Property Crime Was Up 6.2% In Los Angeles County Compared To 2020.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department](#), 1/16/22)

- **In 2021, Criminal Homicide Was Up 41.21% Compared To 2020.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department](#), 1/16/22)
- **In 2021, Aggravated Assault Was Up 4.23% Compared To 2020.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department](#), 1/16/22)
- **In 2021, Grand Theft Auto Was Up 24.11% Compared To 2020.** ([Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department](#), 1/16/22)

 <b>LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b> DEPARTMENT-WIDE PART I CRIMES JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2020 vs. 2021 			
CRIME	2020	2021	PERCENT CHANGE
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	199	281	41.21%
RAPE	796	809	1.63%
ROBBERY	3,486	3,237	-7.14%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9,034	9,416	4.23%
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>13,515</b>	<b>13,743</b>	<b>1.69%</b>
BURGLARY	8,113	7,737	-4.63%
LARCENY THEFT	28,552	29,038	1.70%
GRAND THEFT AUTO	12,562	15,591	24.11%
ARSON	601	532	-11.48%
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>49,828</b>	<b>52,898</b>	<b>6.16%</b>
<b>PART I CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>63,343</b>	<b>66,641</b>	<b>5.21%</b>

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**In June 2022, Violent Crime Was Up 7.2% In Los Angeles.** “As of April, shootings in Los Angeles are up by 69% since 2020. Violent crime is up by 7.2% when compared to last year. Robberies are up by 18.5% when compared to last year. Car thefts are up by 40% when compared to 2020, according to the Los Angeles Times. This is what Los Angeles is experiencing, and there's a growing fear that if progressive Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon isn't recalled, the recent crime wave will only continue to increase.” (Adam Sabes, “Los Angeles Crime Spike: Will 'Progressive' Prosecuting Cause An Increase In Crime For Other U.S. Cities?,” [Fox News](#), 6/8/22)

**In 2023, Los Angeles Had A 3.5% Increase In Property Crimes And A 2% Increase Motor Vehicle Thefts Compared To 2022.** “The Citywide property crimes statistics showed a 3.5% increase in 2023. Motor vehicle thefts increased by 2% as compared to 2022 with Kia vehicles accounting for 17% of the total and Hyundai vehicles accounting for 13% of total vehicle thefts.” (Los Angeles Police Department, “The Los Angeles Police Department’s End Of The Year Crime And Initiatives NR24027BB/LR,” [Press Release](#), 1/24/24)

**In 2023, Los Angeles Had A 16% Increase In Thefts.** “Citywide thefts increased by 16%, which included 137 “flash robberies” that occurred within the City.” (Los Angeles Police Department, “The Los Angeles Police Department’s End Of The Year Crime And Initiatives NR24027BB/LR,” [Press Release](#), 1/24/24)

### **George Gascón Stopped Persecuting Certain Crimes, Including Resisting Arrest, Drug Possession, And Making Criminal Threats**

**George Gascón Imposed A Number Of Progressive Reforms, Including Waiving Prosecution For Many Misdemeanor Offenses, Curbing Cash Bail, And Banning Certain Sentencing Enhancements For Repeat Offenders.** “Gascón also faced legal complaints in January after he imposed a number of progressive reforms, including waiving prosecution for many misdemeanor offenses, curbing cash bail, and banning certain sentencing enhancements for repeat offenders. The Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles County called the moves ‘not merely radical, but plainly unlawful.’” (Collin Anderson, “Minnesota Dem Fundraises With California Group That Backed Defund the Police Movement,” [The Washington Free Beacon](#), 11/16/21)

**In 2020, George Gascón Issued A Memo That The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Will No Longer Prosecute A Range Of Misdemeanor Crimes Including Resisting Arrest, Drug Possession, And Making Criminal Threats.** “LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will no longer prosecute a range of misdemeanor crimes, from resisting arrest to drug possession to making criminal threats, according to a memo issued this week by new DA George Gascon.” (ABC 7 Staff, “New DA Gascon To Decline Prosecution On Range Of Low-Level Crimes,” [ABC 7](#), 12/10/20)

**The Memo Listed Misdemeanors Which Should Be Declined Or Dismissed Before Arraignment.** “The memo spells out misdemeanors which should be declined or dismissed before arraignment, with a number of exceptions at the discretion of the prosecutor. Among them: Trespassing, disturbing the peace, driving with no license or a suspended license, making criminal threats, drug possession, drinking in public, loitering to commit prostitution and resisting arrest, among others.” (ABC 7 Staff, “New DA Gascon To Decline Prosecution On Range Of Low-Level Crimes,” [ABC 7](#), 12/10/20)

**The Memo Also Encouraged The Use Of Diversion Programs Instead Of Prosecution For Many “Minor” Offenses.** “The policy also encourages the use of diversion programs which provide treatment rather than prosecution and jailing for many minor offenses.” (ABC 7 Staff, “New DA Gascon To Decline Prosecution On Range Of Low-Level Crimes,” [ABC 7](#), 12/10/20)

**A Former LA Prosecutor Claimed That Gascón’s Policies Had Eroded Trust With The Public Through Generous Plea Deals Allowing Criminals To Get Out Of Jail Or Prison Without Serving Hard Time Or Declining To Prosecute Crimes At All.** “One former LA prosecutor said Gascón’s policies have eroded trust with the public the office serves, through generous plea deals allowing criminals to get out of jail or prison without serving hard time or declining to prosecute crimes at all.” (Marjorie Hernandez, “Woke LA DA George Gascón Has 10,000-Case Backlog, ‘Toxic’ Attitude Driving Staff Away: Sources,” [New York Post](#), 5/24/23)

### **George Gascón Had A Directive To Avoid Prosecuting Illegal Immigrants Accused Of Crimes So They Do Not Get Deported**

**HEADLINE: “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants”** (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

**“REVEALED: Woke LA DA George Gascón Orders Prosecutors Not To Charge Immigrants Because They Might Be DEPORTED And Instead Consider Non-Criminal**

**Programs”** (Andrea Cavallier, “REVEALED: Woke LA DA George Gascón Orders Prosecutors Not To Charge Immigrants Because They Might Be DEPORTED And Instead Consider Non-Criminal Programs,” [Daily Mail](#), 12/7/22)

**In December 2022, Los Angeles Reportedly Planned To Let Criminals Off The Hook If They Also Happen To Be In The Country Illegally.** “You end up with Los Angeles, which now plans to let criminals off the hook if they also happen to be in the country illegally.” (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

**In December 2022, George Gascón Has Ordered Prosecutors To Avoid Filing Criminal Charges Against Illegal Immigrants So They Don’t Get Deported.** “Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón has ordered his prosecutors to avoid filing criminal charges against illegal immigrants - so that they don't get deported.” (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

**George Gascón Instructed Prosecutors To Consider Immigration Status When It Comes To Charging Criminals With Crimes, Stating Charging Decisions Should Be “Undertaken With The Goal Of Avoiding Or Mitigating The Adverse Immigration Consequences Of A Decision.”** “Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon has instructed prosecutors to now consider immigration status when it comes to charging criminals with crimes. According to the policy, ‘All charging determinations shall be undertaken with the goal of avoiding or mitigating the adverse immigration consequences of a decision.’” (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

**The Policy encourages people under criminal investigation to contact Gascon’s office and “present information concerning adverse immigration consequences” before charges are handed down.** “The policy even encourages people under criminal investigation to contact Gascon’s office and ‘present information concerning adverse immigration consequences’ before charges are handed down so he can give them a slap on the wrist instead.” (Zachary Faria, “Los Angeles Doesn’t Want To Prosecute Criminals If They Are Illegal Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 12/7/22)

### **George Gascón Eliminated Cash Bail And Released Violent Criminals**

**HEADLINE: “On First Day As L.A. County D.A., George Gascón Eliminates Bail, Remakes Sentencing Rules”** (James Queally, “On First Day As L.A. County D.A., George Gascón Eliminates Bail, Remakes Sentencing Rules,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 12/7/20)

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**George Gascón Ended Cash Bail.** “George Gascón embarked Monday on a plan to reimagine criminal prosecutions in Los Angeles County, announcing sweeping policy changes he’ll make as district attorney that include an end to cash bail, a ban on prosecutors seeking enhanced prison sentences and showing leniency to many low-level offenders.” (James Queally, “On First Day As L.A. County D.A., George Gascón Eliminates Bail, Remakes Sentencing Rules,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 12/7/20)

**In 2020, George Gascón Announced His Plans To Shift Away From The Use Of Cash Bail.** “The other reforms that Gascon announced Monday include shifts away from the use of cash bail and the death penalty.” (ABC 7 Staff, “New DA Gascon To Decline Prosecution On Range Of Low-Level Crimes,” [ABC 7](#), 12/10/20)

**George Gascón’s Office Has Released Multiple Prisoners Onto The Streets Who Were Convicted Of Violent Crimes, Including Murder.** “Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón's office has released multiple prisoners onto the streets who were convicted of violent crimes such as murder.” (Adam Sabes, “Los Angeles Deputy DA: Gascón Is Creating A 'Ticking Time Bomb' By Releasing Murderers Back On The Streets,” [Fox News](#), 8/16/22)

**In 2021, A Man Was Released Without Bail Despite A History Of Committing Violent Crimes And Later Murdered A Woman And Her Dogs.** “Troy Davis, 51 (aka Troy Davies), a parolee at large, was also let out on zero bail in June for stealing a car, even with his long history of

violent crimes, and having recently been in prison for a violent felony. Tuesday, the 3,500 prosecutors in the California District Attorneys Association confirmed that the suspect accused of the horrific sexual assault and brutal murder of the Sacramento woman on Friday September 3, 2021, was released from prison following felony convictions in 2017 and 2018 for assault with a deadly weapon and robbery, committed more crimes in June, and then was released again because of ‘zero bail’ policies.” (Katy Grimes, “CA District Attorneys Outraged Over Zero Bail Release Of Violent Parolee And Murder Of Sacramento Woman And Her Dogs,” [California Globe](#), 9/8/21)

**In 2022, A Man Accused Of Attempted Murder After He Hit 25 Police Officers With His Vehicle Was Released Without Bail.** “The horrific story of the 25 Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department recruits mowed down by a driver on Wednesday just got worse. After police arrested Nicholas Gutierrez for attempted murder, they let him walk... without bail.” (Katy Grimes, “Suspect Who Mowed Down 25 Sheriff’s Dept. Recruits Released Without Bail,” [California Globe](#), 11/18/22)

**A Study Found That Those Who Were Let Out With Zero Bail Reoffended More Often And Were Accused Of 200 Times More Violent Crimes.** “A new study comparing California repeat offenders who posted bail with those who were let out with low or no cost under ‘Zero Bail’ policies found that the latter group reoffended more often, more quickly and were accused of 200 times more violent crimes.” (Michael Ruiz, “California Violent Crime Tripled As Suspects Walked Free Without Bail: Reform Study,” [Fox News](#), 2/17/23)

**Key Findings From The Study Indicate Suspects Released Without Bail Were Rearrested On 163% More Charges Than Those Who Posted Bail, And They Reoffended 70% More Often.** “Key findings from the study indicate suspects released without bail were rearrested on 163% more charges than those who posted bail, and they reoffended 70% more often. Those reoffenses resulted in felony charges 90% more often – and they were accused of three times as many violent crimes.” (Michael Ruiz, “California Violent Crime Tripled As Suspects Walked Free Without Bail: Reform Study,” [Fox News](#), 2/17/23)