

MOTION

Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency (LA ACT)

Multiple efforts have been made over the years to reign in quid pro quo activity in Los Angeles (CF 07-3294-S2, CF 17-0042, CF 17-0058, *et al*). Yet time and time again, we have seen Los Angeles City elected officials, candidates, and high-ranking city staff come under scrutiny for violation of campaign finance laws, city ethics laws, and federal corruption laws, with not nearly enough action to address this problem.

Most recently, leaked audio recording revealed deplorable and racially divisive comments from three members of the Los Angeles City Council and a top county labor official. The leaked conversation also exposed backroom political maneuvering to solidify power for a handful of council members through the 2021 redistricting process at the expense of others.

The City Council recently took steps to initiate a series of reform measures, including Ethics Commission reforms (CF 22-1232), an expansion of the size of the City Council (CF 22-1196), and the creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission (CF 21-1472). However, even the appearance of impropriety can cast a shadow over City Hall and the work of the Council. As such, more can and should be done. Corruption is a violation of the public's trust, upon which all democratic government rests. Trust is our foundation, and at a time when the City of Los Angeles faces numerous crises, we need the honest engagement of every Angeleno to meet the challenges of our time. City Hall must take corruption seriously and make every possible effort to root out and rebuild that democratic foundation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the matter of the Motion (Ryu - Koretz) relative to the development, implementation, structure and operation of an independent auditors/investigators office (Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency), as recorded under Council File 20-0608, which expired per Council policy (CF 05-0553), be reactivated and that the matter be restored to its most recent legislative status as of the date of the File's expiration.

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