

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT RE:

**CHARTER SECTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR REFORM, MODERNIZATION, AND
CLARIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S ORGANIZATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC POLICIES**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

On January 22, 2024, pursuant to City Council's request, our Office provided a report on recommendations for identifying and prioritizing sections in the Charter that would benefit from reform to modernize the City's organizational infrastructure and/or support more strategic citywide policies. As we indicated in our initial report, we reviewed the entire Charter, not just sections related to this Office, and focused our recommendations primarily on technical and/or clarifying changes in order to promote certainty, professionalism, and consistency in City practices without addressing larger policy considerations. We now submit this supplement report with additional related recommendations.

Entire Charter – Gendered Terms

The City Council is currently in the process of considering the removal of gender-based terms in the Los Angeles Municipal Code and Los Angeles Administrative Code. To the extent that the Charter is being amended, the City could also undertake an effort to de-gender the text of the City Charter.



Section 104 – Program-related Revenue Generation

Subsection (g) of Section 104 should be amended to make clear that departments are not prohibited from engaging in revenue generating commercial activities such as selling merchandise to raise funds that support department operations or purposes (e.g., sales of shirts and posters at the Greek Theatre).

In addition, Subsection (i) of Section 104 should be amended to include gender identity/expression as a protected class.

Sections 201 and 290 through 293 – City Administrative Officer

Sections 201 and 290 through 293 should be amended to formally change the name of the Director of the Office of Administrative and Research Services and Office of Administrative and Research Services to the City Administrative Officer and Office of the City Administrative Officer, respectively, in order to bring the Charter in line with the City's current practice.

Section 598 – Park Property

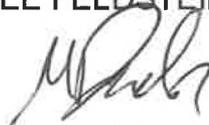
Section 598 could be added to the Charter to state explicitly that El Pueblo de Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Zoo are now and have been dedicated park property, even after being removed from the control of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. The new section could further state that the department(s) designated by ordinance with control over El Pueblo de Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Zoo, respectively, have the same powers and duties over their property as the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-8100.

Sincerely,

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