

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Commenting here not as a member of the Reseda NC, whose CIS enthusiastically supporting this appointment has already been submitted, but as my own personal view. I simply cannot believe this appointment hasn't been scheduled on a City Council agenda and approved already! Considering the questionable ethics repeatedly shown by members of the LA City Council and other LA city officials, I would think that the members remaining on the LA City Council who have nothing to hide would be clamouring for the appointment of Ms. York to the Ethics Commission. I can't think of anyone more qualified to be on this commission, or who would be more diligent in ferreting out questionable behaviour by City Officials. Or is that what our City Councilman, and his fellow City Councilmembers are afraid of? Putting someone on the commission that will take the duties seriously? What do the currently sitting City Councilmembers have to hide that they are so afraid of having a City Ethics Commission that is functional and doing its job? Already, by holding up this appointment, the meeting that was scheduled for this week has been cancelled because the Commission cannot meet quorum. Is that the goal here? To have a Commission that has no teeth and either cannot meet, or is solely populated by members cherry picked by the City Councilmembers to only give lip service to the goal of Ethical behaviour? I say thee, NAY! Look at all the Public Comment here, all of it enthusiastically in support of this appointment. C'mon, City Council, show us the numerous bad apples we've seen over the last ten years are an aberration, not the status quo, and appoint Jamie York to this commission. And I say this as someone who will be very sad to see her leave our local Neighbourhood Council where her work has been invaluable and irreplaceable. But much as Reseda needs her on our NC, the stakeholders of Los Angeles need her much more on this commission, where she can do much good work holding the bad actors present in this city to account. Don't delay, appoint Jamie York today!

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the nomination of Jamie York to the Ethics Commission. Jamie would be an invaluable asset to the City in this capacity. As I was a neighborhood council member and Secretary of said board, I can attest directly to her integrity and commitment to ethics and agency transparency. Ms. York's work on the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance has been admirable and necessary. I, as a chair of a committee, had a lobbyist fail to disclose status with a goal of obtaining support for a function that would close off a significant part of the TDOZ of Hollywood Blvd. Learning this, it put the motivations and actions of the presentation and its benefits to the City while potentially stopping commerce into question. Because of Jamie's work, I became more aware of the potential of lobbyists doing this. This prompted me to request an Ethics Commission investigation. Shortly thereafter, the organization pulled its event with a vague "we've decided to reschedule for a future date." Jamie's work makes this kind of duplicity and the semantics of avoiding disclosure less likely. Jamie's insight into the necessity of transparency in order to make fully informed decisions with taxpayer money has propelled her to work to protect all the NC's and hence all of the communities which they support. She not only has the ability to recognize where transparency is needed, she will also take seriously complaints with diligence in making sure necessary investigation and potential correction occurs. With the amount of development occurring in LA, this is needed more than ever to ensure clean deals. She will maintain the integrity needed throughout the bureaucracy of Los Angeles which is not just necessary to the functioning of a City that has been plagued in recent years by literal criminal breaches of ethics but is also what is necessary to reconstitute a basic trust by its constituents that the City is operating for its good. I also foresee that she will bring more public awareness to the citizenry of its ability to have the City investigate AND enforce breaches; this is integral in the rebuilding of faith in Los Angeles City government, and at the very least may prompt officials to truly consider that not just their actions but the PERCEPTION of their actions must be pristine.

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Name: Richard

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today to avidly express my bipartisan support for the YES VOTE confirmation appointment of Jamie York as City Ethics Commissioner. Ms. York faithfully represents a highly motivated and results-oriented individual. She has demonstrated functional interpersonal skills, meaningful communications, and governance. I have witnessed her unique experiences and essential qualifications to be successful in the ethical standards role. Lastly, I respectfully request an YES VOTE for the ministerial appointment of Jamie York as City Ethics Commissioner.