

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Booth

Date Submitted: 08/21/2023 10:11 AM

Council File No: 23-1200-S130

Comments for Public Posting: We ask for an immediate explanation of this highly controversial and question “back door dealing” regarding the removal of Jamie York as a candidate for the Ethics Commission. We also demand for an independent accounting of this process and the immediate reconsideration of Ms. York’s nomination. This is City governance at its worst, when a hard working, exceptional community member who has shown incredible leadership and courage in her service as a Neighborhood Council member, is summarily dismissed by the entire Council without any public discussion. Does the Council even recognize or understand its responsibility and obligation to the people who put you in these elected position? It’s simply shocking that the City Council can carry out such hurtful treatment of a well intended, hard working City volunteer then disregard the entire City voting constituency as the same time. Please provide your immediate attention to this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

Date Submitted: 08/21/2023 03:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You must agenda the appointment of Jamie York so that public comment may be heard for the incredibly sneaky amendment made just moments before the vote for this. Ms. York appears to be a qualified candidate, with a proven track record of effective, volunteer work in the service of good government. Further, her appointment would help resolve the lack of quorum that has prevented the Ethics Commission from meeting at all. At a time when LA City Council's ethics are being challenged daily, this seems to further our city's understanding that this council is not doing the bidding of the 4 million Angelenos who live here. Was the council aware the meaning of a YES vote had been flipped 180° by this amendment? We'd like to see this nomination brought back for reconsideration ASAP, so that the public can be heard and can hear from their elected officials on the reasoning behind this significant vote. One of the most bizarre (and likely corrupted) votes I've seen. Absolutely unacceptable from a city council that already has a large dark cloud hanging over it. The first order of business this council should attend to is the ethics commission. To not do so just feels like some bad horror movie we are going to keep living as we watch council members forced to resign or continue to be brought up on charges one by one.

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Name: Linda Erdman

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