

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Jamie York / City Ethics Commission / Commission Appointment (Council File: 23-1200-S130) In SUPPORT of Jamie Lauren York to Ethics Commission - See Attachment: Written Comment

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my **disappointment** with how the **Los Angeles City Council** voted to “disapprove” **Jamie Lauren York** to the City **Ethics Commission** on Friday, August 18, 2023. **Ms. York is well qualified to be on the Ethics Commission.** The city council didn't even have the common courtesy afforded to all other nominees to be able to introduce themselves and answer any questions. She has the knowledge and experience to serve on the Ethics Commission. Ms. York has the educational background, including professional experience, that makes her qualified to be on the Ethics Commission. She has studied the City Charter including Ethics. Ms. York has worked hard on the **Municipal Lobbying Ordinance** (MLO), and she has strongly advocated for **Ethics** and **City Charter Reform**. She believes that Ethics applies to everyone. **No one should be exempt from ethics!**

Let's start by referring directly to the action of the City Council as shown by the [video](#).

(Thanks to **Lionel Mares** for providing the excerpt.) - [The LA City Council Disgraces Itself](#)

“For all the talk from City Council leaders that they’re pro-reform, incidents like this is more evidence that L.A.’s political culture is broken and needs a complete overhaul.” – [Editorial: Why is the ethically challenged L.A. City Council obstructing the Ethics Commission?](#)

“The system that was used to block my nomination is the shadow lobbying system that I have been railing against for so long,” **Jamie York** said. - [Amid outcry, L.A. City Council defends rejection of ethics nominee](#)

“Public comment given during the meeting was united in support of York’s appointment, and communications submitted to the council file from numerous neighborhood councils also indicated a high level of support for York, who has been instrumental in organizing around reforming LA city’s Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.” - [Why did the LA City Council quietly kill an Ethics Commission appointment?](#)

“Supporters of York view the focus on Mejia as misdirection, saying blame should be placed squarely with the council — and a system that allows council members to decide who should sit on the Ethics Commission, a five-member panel that issues fines to elected officials who violate certain laws.” - [Could L.A. City Controller Kenneth Mejia have done more to save his nominee?](#)