

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Opposition to the Reappointment of Rasha Shields to the Board of Police Commissioners Dear Members of the City Council and the CAO, I am writing to oppose the reappointment of Rasha Shields to the Board of Police Commissioners. The Board has failed to meaningfully crack down on police misconduct within the LAPD. This failure has had real consequences for the City—particularly rising liability costs alongside persistent service gaps. The City Controller’s reporting shows that the LAPD has produced the largest liability payouts while the City continues to suffer from a lack of services. That reality demands accountability from the institutions charged with oversight—especially the Police Commission and the bodies that support civilian review and governance. In light of these outcomes, I am also alarmed by the LAPD’s conduct regarding charter reform efforts intended to increase City Council oversight. When the Department “ghosts” the CAO on potential charter changes, it undermines the democratic process and reflects a broader pattern of obstruction. For too long, the LAPD has effectively limited the Council’s ability to hold the Department accountable for misconduct and civil-rights violations. The LAPD does not “own” the City. It serves at the public’s will and must be accountable to the public it protects. The City must use its lawful authority to ensure transparency, enforce accountability, and end obstruction of justice—so misconduct is addressed promptly and civil-rights violations do not become an accepted cost of doing business. I urge the City Council to reject this reappointment and to take stronger oversight actions that require measurable compliance, responsiveness, and accountability from LAPD leadership and the Police Commission. Sincerely, Good Government Advocates