



WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Charles E. Blake II, Pastor

September 12, 2023

RE: Appointment to the City Ethics Commission

The Honorable Paul Krekorian, Los Angeles City Council President City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Krekorian,

As a dedicated servant of the faith community, I believe in the importance of upholding civil service rules to ensure transparency in our government and from those who choose the route of public service. Many of us have had the privilege of knowing Alex Johnson for many years and can confidently attest to his qualifications to serve the City of Los Angeles. I am writing to offer a whole-hearted endorsement for Mr. Alex Johnson to the Ethics Commission.

After graduating from Morehouse College and completing his studies at American University Washington College of Law, Mr. Johnson has worked in various capacities within local government and the philanthropic sector. Throughout his career, Mr. Johnson has consistently served in roles requiring discretion, high-level relationships, and accountability. His extensive experience has provided him with a comprehensive understanding of the legal and ethical aspects of government service. He is well-versed in the intricate details and subtleties of civil service work, and his unwavering commitment to ethics makes him an exceptional candidate for the Ethics Commission.

In addition to his work, Mr. Johnson remains a committed member of West Angeles Church. It has been an honor to serve as his pastor since 2022, when I was appointed. However, I've known him to be a man of honor for more than 11 years. He and his family are deeply rooted in Los Angeles, actively contributing to the betterment of his church and city.

I know transparency and ethics are integral to building and maintaining trust between constituents and their government. I wholeheartedly believe Mr. Johnson possesses the qualities and qualifications necessary to fulfill this role with dedication and integrity. I along with many others in the community of faith recommend him for this position, confident that he will contribute significantly to ensuring the trust and confidence of our community and its government. Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Blake II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Charles E. Blake II
Senior Pastor, West Angeles Church of God in Christ

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Council President Pro Tempore Marqueece Harris-Dawson
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