## **Communication from Public**

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Lake Balboa residents know this all too well as Bass continues to ignore the HEALTH CRISIS harming citizens and, after refusing to meet with impacted stakeholders, Bass callously manipulated City Council in the 11th hour on a vote over a controversial \$20 million dollar contract that favored the investor, not the City, and would exasperate Valley communities' exposures to toxic fumes. Last minute phone calls to Councilmembers were reportedly made by the Mayor to ensure Council did her bidding. Is there any reasonable doubt that hasn't already occurred in the Crowley situation?! Most media failed to expose and report the facts on the Bonseph Helinet scandal instead, repeating the Mayor's propaganda as truth. Luckily media is being more responsible with the Crowley story. BTW - Bob BLUMENFELD, Bass doesn't want leaders she has faith in -- she wants subordinates she can control! "Yes Men" need only apply. With Blumenfeld's Council career coming to an end in 2026, his recent comments & votes have constituents talking.

Public opinion is clear, Chief Crowley is not expected to receive fair consideration by City Council because **Bass has proven to be the puppeteer** of a majority of the members on this (now ineffective) body. These 15 elected officials are supposed to offer checks and balances to ensure a Mayor does not abuse their authority however, that is <u>not</u> happening with this Council. Instead, you have the unethical danger of diehard allies (Harris-Dawson) or misguided loyalists - perhaps unwilling to upset the delicate ego of Karen Bass. Bass afterall, according to public opinion and/or record, <u>uses her position to retaliate!</u>
Then there's **those on Council** (um, Paul Krekorian and potentially Bob Blumenfield) **with career ambitions who may seek "favors"** (appointments + assignments) **from the Mayor.** All the before-mentioned is allowing Bass to reign as "King" in governance of this City. Perhaps some in Crowley's department also want to maintain the Mayor's favor by giving bias review/opinion, hence warranting Chief Crowley's request for an outside review.

As previously mentioned, Valley residents experienced Bass' Council manipulation first hand when they witnessed Paul Krekorian -- who was nearing his term's end -- betray his word when he tabled the first vote of City Council on the controversial \$20 million dollar VNY airport lease, Bonseph Helinet LLC (CF 24-0125), in March 2024. Acting then as President of City Council, it was obvious Krekorian attempted to derail the lease's rejection in Closed Session. He failed and ended up falling in line with his colleagues when they emerged for public vote however, his motivation raised eyebrows. When the lease was brought before Council again later that year, it was under a cloud of exposed **lies** and **manipulation** (City Attorney letter dated 10/29/2024). Dishonorable agreements between LAWA's CEO (John Ackerman) and FAA's Mark McClardy and Brian Armstrong were reported. The FAA's regional office was accused of ignoring evidence and violating FAA's Grant Assurance 22 policy in an unsubstantiated threat to the City's airport federal funding, which Bass failed to investigate despite substantive evidence exposing the deceit and errors. The media also failed to investigate the facts and hold Bass accountable. Instead, **Bass - who previously ignored the controversy for over a year -** accepted misinformation and happily intervened to strip City Council of ethical action by means of the before-mentioned manipulation and the Mayor's blatant bullying. Meanwhile, **many later learned that Krekorian's betrayal of public trust was rewarded by Bass** when she appointed him as Executive Director of the Office of Major Events.

For that reason, **#TeamCrowley hopes** her appeal is a *means to an end* and that her action is simply to check a box that enables her to later sue this City for defamation of character and wrongful termination. Hopefully firefighter unions will fund a lawsuit. LOS ANGELES IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CORRUPTION ... and as the "Queen" herself acknowledged - the buck begins and ends with the Mayor.

## **Communication from Public**

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be raised with district attorney is public comment is not recorded and on appropriate date. This submission made March 4, 2025.

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