

Communication from Public

Name: LA Citizens

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 09:33 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: The City Clerk is playing games and suppressing citizen voices by burying comments on OLD dates. This comment is submitted on March 4, 2025 and shall be posted on said date as required. SEE NEXT PAGE

**Trump portrays
he's King...**



source: image reportedly released by White House @ Taylor47

**Bass thinks
she's Queen!**



source: CFME - Los Angeles Citizens Against Abuse of Power

Citizens against abuse of power are shining a light on hypocrisy and corruption in Los Angeles' government yet again. Mayor Karen **Bass**' shameless firing of **Fire Chief Crowley** has finally awoken media to behavior of the Elected that has been concerning expressive Valley citizens since Bass took office. We've witnessed Bass MIA in many of her viewed duties yet, when public scrutiny arises -- Bass scapegoats, uses biased misinformation and/or skews facts to the harm of the general welfare in order to wiggle out of or bulldoze the situation. Residents complain Bass repeats this abuse of rule **without publicly disclosing supportive documentation to substantiate her choices, assertions and actions** -- as with the Crowley controversy.

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 not 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, uses her position to retaliate! Then there's **those on Council** (um, Paul Krekorian and potentially Bob Blumenfeld) **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

Name: Melanie McArtor

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in favor of hearing the results of a third-party report on the January 2025 fire incidents before any potential terminations take place. I live within roughly 10 miles of the Altadena fire in Los Angeles and could see the fires from my house the night they began. The winds were so strong here, it was not really even safe to venture outside. The top of my neighbor's tree snapped off and blew onto our roof damaging it (the tree was not even overhanging our roof), but it was too windy and dangerous to go outside to see the damage until daylight. I also live in a hillside community that is vulnerable to fires. Living in the area and knowing many people who lost their homes in both the Palisades and Altadena fires, no one would wish the horror of what happened on anyone. It was and is truly devastating beyond comprehension. However horrific the event was, the reality is that this could happen again and it was predictable that it would happen at some point. There are plenty of examples of similar events throughout the state and beyond. I am sure performance could have been better on several fronts, however it's extremely difficult to fight fires in the conditions that occurred in January, when water dropping helicopters couldn't fly. Let us also consider whether we as a community are willing to make the financial investment in infrastructure and personnel that it would take to reduce the potential damage to structures and lives for future events. The risks of living in and working in and around hillside communities are substantial and come with risks, not all of which are 100% avoidable.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, As a Council District 6 resident and spouse of a LAFD member, I respectfully submit this public comment in strong support of reinstating former Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Chief Kristin Crowley. Her removal was not only a loss to the LAFD but to the entire City of Los Angeles. Chief Crowley is an exceptional leader who modernized LAFD operations, championed diversity and accountability, and advocated for the safety and well-being of all LAFD members. Chief Crowley advocated for her staff, was transparent about the department's lack of funding, staffing and resources, and more importantly wasn't afraid to speak the truth when no one else would. As a result, she is unfairly being treated as a scapegoat for these fires – unprecedented fires driven by climate change that no Fire Department would have stood the chance to fight. Crowley's priorities were keeping her members and the residents of Los Angeles safe – in alignment with the LAFD's mission to preserve life, safeguard communities, and protect property. I wholeheartedly believe that Former Chief Kristin Crowley is more than qualified for the position of Fire Chief and has shown to be a successful leader of this City's Fire Department. Her dismissal was premature and inappropriate for Mayor Bass to make such a decision without a full investigation. An investigation that should also include the Department of Water and Power, Mayor's Office, and Emergency Management Department. Our region will continue to see wildfires as climate change impacts their intensity and frequency. It's time for Mayor Bass to take accountability and shift her focus from homelessness to climate change adaptation and mitigation. Climate change puts all Angelenos at risk, and with a growing population it's time that the City invest and properly resource departments whose mission is to protect public safety. Now, more than ever, LAFD needs a leader of Chief Crowley's caliber—someone with vision, integrity, courage, and the ability to unify and inspire. I oppose Mayor Bass' decision, and I urge Chief Crowley's reinstatement without delay.

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Name: MichaelPowers

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 08:39 PM

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Name: Molly

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Sincerely, Molly Crist

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Name: Libby Frolichman

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 02:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing in support of reinstating Kristen Crowley to her rightful position as LAFD Fire Chief. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS - Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW - National Organization for Women and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th! Sincerely, Libby Frolichman Member, Equity on Fire

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Name: Mary Rafferty

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 02:06 PM

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Sincerely, Mary Rafferty

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Mayer

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 01:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reinstate Kristen Crowley immediately. She was doing an incredible job in a horrific disaster. Her firing was an ill-advised choice. BRING HER BACK!!

Communication from Public

Name: SARAH JAKLE

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 02:20 PM

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Name: Tim Bernett

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 01:38 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Brian Purvis

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 01:38 PM

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Sincerely, Jacquie Menville

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Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 01:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Public Comment – Council File #25-0212 – Support for Fire Chief Kristin Crowley’s Appeal Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to express support for LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. As the leader of LAFD during the one of the worst natural disasters in LA City history, Chief Kristin Crowley led with heorism, making countless decisions that deserve praise, not derision, including her decision to speak honestly to a public that deserves transparency around the issue of public safety. As a resident of the Hollywood Hills, I saw firsthand that it was under Chief Crowley's leadership that the Sunset Fire was handled with precision and effectiveness before it could cause irreparable destruction. We know she made critical decisions to avert similar harms in other parts of the city where blazes sparked rampantly. Chief Crowley was a present and steady creator of trust in City government around the Palisades fire when the Mayor was not available. Like many constituents, I came to rely on her in navigating this weeks-long natural disaster. For this, LA City residents are forever grateful. And it is why her legacy as LAFD Chief deserves to continue.

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Name: Charles "Matt: Eddy

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 01:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, The firing of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley was appalling and unfair political scapegoating, plain and simple. The mayor absolutely failed to anticipate and prepare for the crisis (and wasn't even in town during most of it), and is now attempting to deflect responsibility onto the one woman who least deserves it: the utterly-capable fire chief who bravely led the department in controlling the catastrophes despite the most heinous conditions. This is truly disgusting. I've spoken to many, many fellow citizens who see this as a clear case of the political class desperately trying to protect itself. The Council owes it to all Angelinos to stop it -- and if they fail, I predict dire consequences at the ballot box. This city is fed up and hungry for improvement. Sincerely, Matt Eddy Echo Park

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Name: Erin Quigley

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Sincerely, Erin Quigley

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Y.

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Firing Chief Crowley was uncalled for and a knee-jerk reaction to other's shortcomings. This is duly noted and will affect future voting in the City of Los Angeles. Chief Crowley should be reinstated as Chief and is due an apology for being a scapegoat.

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Name: Maliha Williamson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 11:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, LAFD Fire Chief Kristen Crowley issued a dire warning a month before the Palisades Fire. She warned that her department was understaffed, response times were running high and there was a shortage of equipment. And, this wasn't the first time that she had voiced her concerns. In her own words "...the current staffing, deployment model and size of the LAFD has not changed since the 1960s". And, this is considering the city's population has grown to close to 4 million people, as compared to 2.5 million people in 1960. The bottom line is, LA fire dept has been grossly neglected by politician after politician and the current dire state of the department has been decades in the making. The dismissal of Chief Crowley will not magically make the short comings of the LAFD go away. If anything, her leadership is needed now, more than ever, to get the dept closer to where it needs to be. It is sad, that such devastation had to happen, for people to finally see the importance of a well run fire dept for a large metropolitan city like Los Angeles. We don't want to pin Mayor Bass and Chief Crowley against each other. We believe they can achieve a lot together. The dismissal of Chief Crowley was a mis-step on Mayor Bass behalf and it needs to be reversed. Everyone needs to put their egos to the side and do what is best for the residents of Los Angeles, who are in dire need of good leadership as the city rebuilds. We stand with UFLAC (United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112), LAWFS (Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service), CA NOW (National Organization for Women) and Equity on Fire and urging you to vote IN FAVOR of Fire Chief Crowley's appeal to her hearing Tuesday, March 4th. People across California are watching you to do the right thing. In Solidarity, Maliha Williamson President of Riverside County NOW (National Organization for Women)

Communication from Public

Name: Gina L. Osborn

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 10:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to reinstate former LA City Fire Chief Kristin Crowley immediately. Her removal was not based on performance but politics. She was fired not for failing the city—but for fighting for it. Chief Crowley's Leadership and Impact As LA's first female fire chief, Crowley led with distinction. Under her leadership, the LAFD:

- Fought for resources to combat LA's growing wildfire threats.
- Modernized training and response protocols, improving public safety.
- Prioritized firefighter well-being, securing equipment and mental health support.
- Expanded community outreach, building trust between the LAFD and the public.
- Challenged budget cuts that would have weakened emergency response.

Crowley was a leader who put people first, ensuring the LAFD had the resources to protect Angelenos. Yet, instead of supporting her, the city removed her—despite her proven track record. The Consequences of Her Removal Firing Chief Crowley was more than an attack on one leader—it endangered public safety. Since her removal:

- Firefighter morale has plummeted.
- The LAFD saw its leader punished for speaking truth to power.
- Critical initiatives have stalled.
- Efforts to enhance wildfire preparedness and firefighter safety are now at risk.
- Public trust has eroded.

The city's decision raises concerns about whether politics trumps public safety. With wildfires and disasters threatening LA, stability in fire department leadership is critical. Instead, the city has created chaos at the worst possible time.

Why Was Chief Crowley Really Fired? Let's be clear: Crowley was fired for standing up for public safety. She challenged dangerous budget cuts and fought for the resources firefighters needed to do their jobs. She stood up for her team and refused to stay silent when lives were at risk. She made a Maverick Move—taking a principled stand despite the political cost. And for that, she was removed. This isn't just about one person losing a job. It's about whether we, as a city, allow leaders to be punished for doing the right thing. If we don't fight for Crowley's reinstatement, we send a message that integrity is a liability, not an asset. Reinstating Chief Crowley Is the Right and Smart Decision This is not just a matter of fairness. It is a public safety necessity.

- She is the most qualified leader. No replacement will match her experience and trust within the department.
- Firefighter morale will be restored.

Bringing her back shows that

leadership supports those on the front lines. • Public confidence will be rebuilt. The people of LA deserve a fire chief chosen for their skill, not political convenience. • Lives will be saved. Her leadership has already made LA safer—her removal puts that at risk. Los Angeles cannot afford to let politics interfere with safety. We need a fire chief who prioritizes people over politics, preparedness over posturing, and integrity over influence. That leader is Kristin Crowley. Conclusion: Stand Up for What Is Right I urge this Council to take immediate action. Reinstall Chief Kristin Crowley. This moment defines who we are as a city. Do we reward courage, or do we punish it? Do we prioritize public safety, or do we allow political games to dictate leadership? Los Angeles deserves leaders who will fight for what is right, no matter the cost. Kristin Crowley is one of them. Now it's time for this city to prove it values safety, integrity, and strong leadership. Reinstall Chief Crowley—because Los Angeles cannot afford to lose her.

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Name: LP Perrett

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 10:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley is a heroic firefighter. Bass is a politician who has lied again. It is an embarrassment and so disrespectful for her to think she can lie and blame the LAFD. We all knew the wind storm was coming, there's no way Bass was the only human who didn't get the news. I am a bleed blue democrat and Bass is an embarrassment. Our fire department deserves respect, LISTEN TO YOUR FIREFIGHTERS... They back Crowley.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Papa

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 10:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Chief Crowley. The Mayor is clearly trying to deflect blame and criticism from herself or she would have waited for the after action report to be finalized and submitted before taking action. Her less than believable explanation that she had no idea the severity of the predicted wind storm because Chief Crowley hadn't told her, is quite laughable since it was the top local news story for several days leading up to the fires. Chief Crowley was faced with an unprecedented weather situation that sparked a fire that likely could not have been stopped despite our firefighters best efforts due to the intense winds. It's easy for folks to second guess decisions and criticize after the fact looking for someone to blame. It appears the truth spoken to the media by Chief Crowley about budget cuts, staffing shortages and lack of equipment maintenance angered the Mayor. Chief Crowley's timing sharing that information may not have been ideal, but she shouldn't lose her job over it. The firefighters union validated everything she said and stands fully behind her as their Chief. Honesty is not always valued by City leaders when it's not in their political interests. Mayor Bass should have the courage to accept responsibility for the overall response to this unprecedented emergency (both good and bad). Once she has all of the information from the after action report, only then will she be in a position to make informed judgments as to necessary course corrections going forward. Chief Crowley should be reinstated to her position.

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Name: Kathleen Duffy

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 10:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe Los Angeles Fire Chief Kristin Crowley should be reinstated as Fire Chief. I was appalled that Mayor Bass fired her. I feel it was disgraceful and Chief Crowley did the best job she could in an impossible situation. I feel she's being made into a scape goat. As a family living in the fire zone over those weeks I found Chief a beacon of hope and information. Please reinstate the Chief Crowley immediately. Telling the truth should not be a liability.

Communication from Public

Name: DAWN L.

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 12:51 PM

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers: I am writing to express my complete outrage and deep distress over the unjust dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. In 2022, the Los Angeles City Council UNANIMOUSLY approved the appointment of Kristin Crowley as the Fire Chief for the City of Los Angeles. Now, three years later, after leading her department against the most destructive wildfire in Los Angeles history, Chief Crowley is being RETALIATED against, and made the SCAPEGOAT for the Mayor’s shortcomings during that first week in January. The false claims perpetuated by the Mayor are simply unbelievable. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE BETTER! The Mayor’s claims that she “did not know” about the looming windstorm is nothing short of ludicrous. Anyone with a cell phone in the City of Los Angeles was receiving weather updates beginning January 2nd, and the threats were upgraded on January 3rd (WELL in advance of the Mayor’s departure for Ghana on January 4th). Acting Mayor Harris-Dawson received emails from both the Fire Department and the Emergency Management Department, advising of the destructive nature of the storms, so the claim that the Mayor’s Office “did not know” is simply unbelievable. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE BETTER! Chief Crowley had been advocating for the members of the LAFD since she was appointed Fire Chief in 2022, and in November 2024, specifically asked the Mayor and City Council for a reconsideration of the \$17.6 million budget cut. These numbers were posted on the City Controller’s website, so again, to claim they are not true is simply unbelievable. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE BETTER! Finally, the Mayor FALSELY claimed that Chief Crowley refused to participate in an After Action Review—when in fact, this review was already in progress. To suggest that Chief Crowley, a leader of integrity and a consummate professional, would “refuse” to participate in an AAR as required by State law is simply unbelievable. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE BETTER! Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision by the Mayor, without notice or consultation with all members of the City Council,

undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE BETTER! I, along with my fellow Angelenos, watched in horror as the Mayor stood in front of news crews and blatantly LIED about the realities of what happened that week. Rest assured, Angelenos are informed, and DO NOT BELIEVE the Mayor's claims, and her refusal to accept responsibility for HER PART in the Palisades and Eaton disasters has forced many LA residents to become more determined than ever to ensure she is NOT reelected to office. I know the same will hold true for many of our Council members if you do not heed your constituents' deeply concerned voices and vote to REINSTATE CHIEF CROWLEY to her rightful position as Fire Chief for the City of Los Angeles at her appeal hearing on March 4th!

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to encourage you to reinstate Fire Chief Crowley. There is certainly plenty of blame to go around in the mishandling of the devastating wildfires, but any terminations should be done after a proper review. This is clearly the Mayor retaliating for Chief Crowley making public comments criticizing the Mayor. I would also encourage you to demand a neutral, 3rd-party investigation into the factors contributing to the issues, from communication to budget to lack to water, in order to clear up public perceptions and division on this issue. Thank you.

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Name: Sandi

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Comments for Public Posting: It's ridiculous that or incompetent and absent mayor fires the Ms Crowley as a scapegoat and puts all blame on her. While I'm sure there are mistakes made on all parties, Ms Crowley has documented her communications with the mayor about the underfunding, and majors needs of the fire department. The one who should be fired is mayor Bass. The mayor is responsible for ALL departments and our city. She chose to go to a party in Ghana bs staying in LA to be able to make vital and urgent decisions for our city during the horrific fires. Bass has let our entire city down and Ms Crowley should not be made a scapegoat to cover Bass' incompetence! We deserve better!

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Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 12:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley has been wrongly fired for speaking the truth about the needs of her department and defending her firefighters! Chief Crowley is among the most upstanding, ethical, brilliant, and qualified people I know of. Not only is she the first Female Fire Chief of the LAFD, First LGBTQ Fire Chief of the LAFD, but also the first Fire Chief to have served as a Paramedic (over 80% of calls are medical) and the first Fire Chief to have served in EVERY RANK! She took on a much-needed leadership role of this department over during a time of intense internal struggle and low morale and turned it around by listening to the people she serves as well as those she leads. That is why she is beloved by her department and supported by the rank-and-file firefighters. I urge you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th and support her reinstatement! Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly
Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 12:12 PM
Council File No: 25-0212
Comments for Public Posting: We want Chief Crowley back! Reinstate her!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/02/2025 04:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Reinstate Crowley! Bass must have been the only person in Los Angeles who missed the many, many news announcements that dangerous Santa Ana winds were expected. Shame on the city council for not ensuring and prioritizing that fire equipment isn't repaired promptly.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitch Paradise

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 09:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: To the Editor: (Re: “DWP wasn’t alerted about hydrants” – Times March 2nd) Fired LAFD Chief, Kristin Crowley, was quick to blame Mayor Bass for the Palisades fire. Since then, it’s come out that she had 40 tanker trucks at her disposal, none of which she preplaced in the Palisades, despite Weather Service warnings of “lethal winds” coming. They stayed garaged. She had 1,000 firefighters she could have kept on for an overtime shift. She sent them home. Off-duty LA County firefighters rushed in to help in the Palisades, putting them miles away from the Eaton Fire when it exploded in Altadena. They were late to get there. Now, it’s reported that upon inspections, some going back as far as 14 months ago, the LAFD had found 1,350 fire hydrants that were in need of repair, but never notified DWP – the agency that does the repairing – until the story was broken by local news this Feb. 12th. Now ex-Chief Crowley wants the City Council to reinstate her. I don’t think so. Mitch Paradise

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 09:45 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Public Comment – Council File #25-0212 – Support for Fire Chief Kristin Crowley’s Appeal
Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to express my outrage and deep concern over the unjust dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city’s leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. As a constituent, I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY’S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th! Sincerely, Coco Shinomiya

Communication from Public

Name: Teri Redman Kahn

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 09:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the firing of Chief Crowley. It is so easy to be the Monday morning quarterback and to point out what should have been done after the fact. It is difficult to make tough decisions in the moment. The problems that Crowley are being blamed for existed for a long time before she ever showed up on the scene. In 2019 I lead an Evacuation Drill from Mandeville Canyon. I was at the follow up meeting held downtown during which the LAPD and LAFD were congratulating themselves on how well that exercise went. It was actually quite a horror show and I spoke about it. Moore and Terrazas asked me to stay after to talk with them. Here are the main things that went wrong: Over 50% of the 1300 homes never received the notice. That is because almost all of the homes on Mandeville Canyon Road receive no cell service--still! They failed to even attempt to use the alternative evacuation routes that we created. They didn't properly direct traffic at the end of our road and Sunset. And it was really easy!! So--if they have done nothing about improving the deficiencies I saw with my own eyes--there must be a dozen more deficiencies that Police, Fire and the City have yet to take care of. Mandeville is just waiting to be a second Paradise, CA. No one wants that. Help us!! And don't blame years of neglect on Crowley.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 07:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Reinstate Chief Crowley, who has diligently fulfilled her responsibilities despite the limitations imposed upon her by city leadership. Councilmember Dawson appears to be a loyal ally of Mayor Bass, as evidenced by media fact-checking. Mayor Bass should have been more knowledgeable about the seasonal human-made natural disaster risks that Los Angeles faces. Prior to assuming the highest elected office in the city, she should have acquired the necessary education and experience in such matters. Placing blame on financially disadvantaged and struggling LAFD personnels does not reflect well on city leadership.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Maigret

Date Submitted: 03/02/2025 11:19 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to express my deep concern and alarm over the unjust dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. As a constituent, I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th. In gratitude, Julie Maigret

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/02/2025 02:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT support the appeal of former Chief Crowley. Her failures are continuing to be documented. And she attempted to throw Mayor Bass under the bus immediately after the Palisades fire - at a time when she should have known that would be used by the Trumpers to trash my City of Los Angeles and threaten to withhold support that we provide to the rest of the country after natural disasters. Her ignorance on that point is unforgivable.

Communication from Public

Name: Alisa Morgenthaler
Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 09:17 PM
Council File No: 25-0212
Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of overturning the dismissal of LAFD Chief Kristin Crowley.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Williams

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 09:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing today as a Fifth District constituent and former employee of both the LAFD and the LA City Council to respectfully request your support of Fire Chief Kristin Crowley's appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th. The wind event and fires inflicted horrific destruction upon our region. As the crisis was ongoing, outside actors fomented accusations against our highly qualified mayor and fire chief that were grounded in racism, misogyny, and homophobia. Instead of allowing these two leaders to focus on the fires, social and traditional media piled on, hounding both women about their whereabouts prior to the fire, qualifications, and fitness for duty. This behavior should elicit vocal condemnation from all of us, not a continuation of the blame game. Scapegoating and reacting in anger are base human instincts. Recognizing when we are being set up for failure by those with bigoted agendas and then working strategically to unite against them is much harder. Chief Crowley's dismissal is just as harmful to this City as the baseless calls to recall Mayor Bass are. If upheld, the dismissal of Chief Crowley will be the first step in a long and painful race to the bottom. It is time for the City Council to rise above the mudslinging and stand up to outside bullies by refusing to allow Chief Crowley to become a casualty of naked bigotry. Voting to reinstate Chief Crowley is not a rebuke of Mayor Bass. On the contrary, the vote can be made accompanied by a bold statement that the council supports both leaders and insists that they continue to work together. Standing side-by-side and working out our internal differences is how we silence those with malicious intent. Angelenos are being used as pawns in a local and national game of disinformation and lies. Please do not allow this ugliness to divide us. Our city's integrity and humanity are at stake and the rest of the world is watching. Sincerely, Emily C. Williams

Communication from Public

Name: Lissah Lorberbaum

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 03:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Reinstate our Fire Chief. Her termination was unfounded.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 03:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing in support of reinstating Kristen Crowley to her rightful position as LAFD Fire Chief. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS - Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW - National Organization for Women and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th! Sincerely, Linda law Orange Coast Huddle

Communication from Public

Name: LAFD Watchdog

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 03:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today on behalf of LAFD Watchdog regarding the upcoming vote on whether to respect Mayor Bass's decision to fire, Fire Chief Kristin Crowley or to reinstate her. Kristin Crowley is a liability—but so are all of you who voted to defund the LAFD in May 2024. Crowley was correct in her Fox 11 interview when she stated that the budget cuts affected the initial response to the Palisades fire. That failure falls squarely on the City Council. If budget was of no concern, Crowley likely would have enacted a recall and there would have been plenty of available and working rigs for firefighters to use. What happened in the first few hours of the fire mattered. Santa Ana's have existed since forever and are no excuse. The water ran out at 8pm, long after the Palisades was way past the point of no return. First and foremost, UFLAC does not speak for the majority of LAFD firefighters. Many firefighters believe that the recent election of UFLAC President Freddy Escobar was rigged, and his leadership does not reflect their views. The reality is that most LAFD firefighters do not support Kristin Crowley as fire chief for multiple reasons. One of the primary concerns is her failure to stand up for LAFD firefighters during COVID-19. Many dedicated career firefighters, who served the department and the city with unwavering commitment, were terminated simply because they refused to take the COVID vaccine. Rather than advocating for them, Crowley allowed these hardworking public servants to be discarded. Additionally, Chief Crowley has been widely criticized for promoting her friends to chief positions at an unprecedented pace, despite concerns over their qualifications. Many of these individuals have faced numerous complaints, including but not limited to allegations of retaliation, lawsuits, and even documented domestic violence incidents. Instead of addressing these serious concerns, Crowley has chosen to protect and cover for these individuals, undermining the integrity of the department. Another major issue is her prioritization of DEI initiatives over critical funding needs within the department. While it is true that Crowley made multiple requests for funding, which City Council failed to address, it is also true that she mismanaged her priorities. The Fire Commission, whose members were all appointed by Mayor Karen Bass, also bears responsibility for these failures. These commissioners have zero qualifications in

fire service and are nothing more than union organizers, real estate developers, and activists who were chosen by Bass herself. Blood is on their hands for failing to advocate strongly enough on behalf of the department's needs. Crowley's pleas to them for help fell on deaf ears. The catastrophic fires that have destroyed thousands of homes and claimed lives happened under their watch. However, replacing Crowley with Ronnie Villanueva is no solution. Consider him the "Joe Biden" of the department—he's been around for decades and has done nothing to implement meaningful improvements. With over 40 years on the job, he is equally as clueless and useless when it comes to solving the department's current problems. The LAFD doesn't need another bureaucrat who will maintain the status quo of mismanagement. The department needs a complete overhaul—a draining of the swamp, a rejection of DEI-driven policies, and a return to the basics of what a fire department should be: focused on saving lives and protecting property. While Mayor Bass may be using Crowley as a scapegoat for her own failures, the decision to fire Crowley is justified. She has failed the department, failed the firefighters, and failed the people of Los Angeles. Furthermore, Crowley has a pending lawsuit against her for retaliation and other alleged misconduct, raising further concerns about her leadership. For these reasons, City Council must respect the Mayor's decision and allow the termination of Kristin Crowley to stand. Reinstating her would be a disservice to the firefighters who have lost trust in her leadership and to the citizens who depend on a well-run, competent fire department. -LAFD Watchdog

Communication from Public

Name: Morgana Rasch

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 03:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to protest the unjust dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. Critical Facts: Severe weather warnings were issued as early as January 2nd, yet the Mayor chose to leave the country on January 4th. LAFD resources have been crippled due to budget cuts from the Mayor's office: \$17.6 million cut for 2024-25 61 civilian support positions were eliminated \$7 million cut to overtime staffing LAFD remains dangerously understaffed, with 62 fewer fire stations than is necessary to serve the population of Los Angeles The Mayor falsely claimed that Chief Crowley refused to participate in an After Action Review—when in fact, this review is already in progress. As a constituent, I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW (CA National Organization for Women), and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th! Sincerely, Morgana Rasch

Communication from Public

Name: David Selmo

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 04:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to express sincere concern over the dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. Even a cursory glance of the available information surrounding her termination stinks of corrupt political motivation. Chief Crowley is exceptionally qualified for her position and made it explicitly clear in formal address prior to the fires that the LAFD was woefully understaffed and underfunded to handle a fire event the magnitude we have all just experienced. Turns out Chief Crowley professional assessment was accurate and that is EXACTLY the type of civil servant leader LA needs. Competence and honesty. To now terminate her with such superficial accusations as have been sighted, borders on ludicrous. This situation is an embarrassment to our great city and reflects poorly not just on those who participated in the making of this decision, but also on those who would allow it to stand. There are numerous firefighting agencies that have come out to express their disapproval of this decision and to express their steadfast support of Chief Crowley. So please, join in their company by doing the right thing. Please reinstate Chief Crowley by voting in favor of Chief Crowley's appeal at her hearing tomorrow, Tuesday, March 4th. Sincerely, David Selmo Los Angeles Resident and Small Business Owner

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana Gomez

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 04:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment for City Council – Reinstatement of Fire Chief Crowley
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, I write this today as a concerned resident, urging you to use your authority to reinstate Fire Chief Crowley for the betterment of our community and the integrity of our city's leadership. The decision to remove a department head under circumstances that appear to be politically motivated raises serious concerns about transparency, accountability, and the overall governance of our city. There are two critical reasons why this decision must be reconsidered: Preserving the Integrity of Leadership and Public Trust. The removal of a highly qualified and experienced public servant, particularly one leading an essential service like the fire department, simply for disagreeing with the Mayor is deeply troubling. It sets a dangerous precedent that discourages open dialogue and honest assessments among our city leaders. When professional expertise is treated as insubordination, it sends the wrong message—not only to those currently serving in leadership roles but also to future leaders and the broader community. In a city that values democracy and public service, we must foster an environment where differing viewpoints are respected, not punished. Ensuring Strong, Independent Leadership for Public Safety. Fire and emergency services are too critical to be politicized. We need leaders who prioritize public safety, emergency preparedness, and the well-being of our residents above political considerations. Fire Chief Crowley has demonstrated a commitment to professionalism, safety, and service—qualities that should be championed rather than dismissed. The expectation that public safety officials act as political extensions rather than independent professionals is detrimental to the integrity of their roles. Decisions impacting public safety must be made based on expertise, not political alignment. For these reasons, I strongly urge the City Council to reconsider the decision and take the necessary steps to reinstate Fire Chief Crowley. Doing so will restore public trust, uphold the principles of good governance, and reinforce the city's commitment to professional, independent leadership in public safety. Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of your constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: David Kadosh

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 04:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

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Communication from Public

Name: Miriam Preissel

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 05:11 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember Imelda Padilla of CD6 bragged at the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council on February 5th that she submitted council file 25-0148. This is a simple camera on a pole and cost a pittance to what we see spent every single day but the significance is important. On Tuesday June 25th, 2024 a firefighter was critically injured and 10 more firefighters hurt by something exploding in one of the many daily fires at a homeless encampment in the Sepulveda Basin. The critically injured firefighter lost his ear which had to be surgically reattached. A spokesperson for the LAFD stated at the time "...we nearly lost a firefighter over this. I'm asking the City of Los Angeles Where is the outrage..." another stated "Maybe the city will start listening to us now." Since that date we have had many fires, over 180 since June 7, 2024 and December 18th, 2024. Firefighters continued to go into situations where they were uncertain of what they would meet up with, encampments being scattered throughout the area with combustibles strewn throughout which may have been the cause of the explosion. With a limited amount of Rangers who, unarmed, patrol the 2,000 acres of the basin along with 1,400 acres of Hansen Dam which is nowhere nearby. They clock out at 9pm and the area is totally un-patrolled after that. All very alarming and with the community not feeling safe in the area to just bike with their children anymore, we would have thought that our representative would speak to all the enforcement personal that put themselves into harms way everyday. As we went through months of fires, those of us living in the area got used to smelling the fumes of the fires, along with the "cooking" of the copper wire they melt down to sell, the basin being an open environment for anything not nailed down and an enforcement agency not equipped to do anything but respond to emergencies. Whole dumps of construction debris dumped during those hours where no patrols are found, an example of such volume were shingles, drywall, lath, plaster, wood, obviously 1950's bungalows smashed to a pulp and undoubtedly brimming with friable asbestos that the city then has to pay to have removed. In November of 2024, I myself asked the Rangers what they felt they needed to do the job they felt would make the area safe and was told 4 more rangers, vehicles and a camera. The type of camera that they have at Griffith Park that monitors the area and

can read a license plate from 5 miles away. The cost somewhere around \$30K. Shocked that a camera that could identify the fires before they spread, could read the license plate of the construction companies dumping whole bungalows, could spot encampments from a distance. They could be monitored in the evening along with Griffith Park which doesn't have fires, which doesn't have overnight camping. "We told Imelda's deputy months ago." And sure enough the deputy of Padilla's mentioned it to the LBNC and the outreach committee and although we didn't understand how it worked we heard Rosie mention that it was being looked into. Finding out at this point what a cost effective tool this was and how much heavy lifting it was able to accomplish, we reached out to Rosie to get updates and did not hear back. After the Palasades fires I sat in on a Zoom meeting with community members including firefighter supervisors and someone who ran Imelda's PAC. And I sent many messages about this and could they help us get one for the basin. The next day I received an email from Rosie that Imelda finally put in the request for funding that camera. 8 months after the June fire that lost that fireman's ear. So I asked Padilla at the Feb 5th meeting, why are you requesting this now? Why wasn't this requested after the June fire? Why did we do nothing but let the LAFD respond to fires and watch the basin smolder all summer when there was such an obvious tool? She said "The Rangers never asked me for anything." "But your deputy knew, do you not get briefed? Did you not bother to talk to the agencies in play and find out what could be done to prevent that June explosion that sent 11 firemen to the hospital and allowing them to face that same risk every day for 8 months?" So in my experience of watching the city council address issues and not identifying a priority staring them in the face, in a typically frustrating slow motion fashion a CouncilFile was moved on 2/11/25 asking for the amount of \$42,354.01 for this camera, adopted on 2/18/25 and the last day for the mayor to act and approve this was yesterday March 3, 2025 and I am curious to see if we missed that date. I will never forget that plea the LAFD spokesperson that day. "Maybe now the city will listen to us." and how it was so totally ignored. Kristin Crowley should not be the scapegoat in a system that let everyone down, she should be held to the same judgement day as the mayor has requested for herself.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Rose

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 05:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: It's important that decisions about city personnel especially leaders be based on evidence. Some transparency is needed. Why wasn't there sufficient water in the Palisades fire? Who was involved in the decisions that led to this? Please provide answers.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Carson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 05:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley must be reinstated. Her dismissal is a direct result of her honesty in addressing Mayor Bass's decision to cut the LAFD budget, and this retaliation is the sole reason for her firing. We need leaders like Chief Crowley, who stand up to political pressures and lead with integrity during times of crisis. In contrast, Mayor Bass has failed to demonstrate these qualities, resorting instead to punitive actions against those who challenge her. This behavior is unacceptable, and it is crucial that we take action to recall Mayor Bass and reinstate Chief Crowley.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren C.

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 05:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: If the news is correct that: 1) LAFD had 1,000 firefighters who were sent home instead of being deployed the first day of the fire 2) Fire trucks that could have been posted near Pacific Palisades were not posted there 3) Chief Crowley did not tell Mayor Bass prior to her departure to Ghana of the particularly extreme fire danger, and 4) Chief Crowley did not immediately prepare a report on the fires and what could have been done better as soon as the danger had passed (**I have not heard of such a report so assume that this did not happen**) then I believe it was entirely appropriate for Mayor Bass to fire her and feel strongly that she should remain fired. As far as I know she serves at the discretion of the Mayor and the Mayor is entitled to fire her. Equipment is very important, but manpower and communications (particularly with your boss) are very important too. It makes no difference to me whether she is the first woman or not to hold that role, and I find it very annoying that this is given as a reason why she should be cut some slack in her extremely important job. I'm based in Brentwood.

Communication from Public

Name: Marilyn Mere LaTour

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 06:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Although there were certainly several failures during this tragic event, my view is that the fire department did everything possible with the resources at hand. Mayor Bass was in charge of the city and as everyone knows, she was in Ghana. With all the problems in LA, it seems she should focus her attention on the city she was elected to act as Mayor and take responsibility for her lapse in duties instead of firing Crowley. Fire fighters support Crowley and although she made mistakes, so did Mayor Bass. Mayor Bass let the city down, not just in her absence but in her failure to oversee the infrastructure that would have helped prevent this disaster.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Greco

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 06:00 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

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Sincerely, Carolyn Greco

Communication from Public

Name: Adeena Karsseboom

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 08:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: LAFD CHIEF, Kristin Crowley should not be dismissed. She did an excellent job. It is the fault of pre-existing issues that were not addressed prior to the fire.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley has done an OUTSTANDING job!! DO NOT FIRE HER!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexis Antin

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 07:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crawley was improperly terminated as retaliation for speaking out on her well documented requests for additional funding, and overall lack of resources necessary to fight a large scale disaster. Mayor Bass is using Chief Crawly as a scapegoat goat and trying to pin the blame for her incompetence. It is evident to the voters of Los Angeles that if anyone should be terminated, or resign it should be Mayor Bass for her inaction and failed to head warnings. Mayor Bass needs to be healed accountable!

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Zucker

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:27 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am here to write to you about how I believe Chief Crowley should stay as the head of LAFD. This wasn't Chief Crowley's fault, first of all. She tried her best and though the Palisades, Altadena, and other areas are ruined, that's not her fault. It's a natural disaster that you can only control parts of it, but these fires were so destructive, she could only do so much. She didn't get the help she needed from Mayor Bass to go along with others. This was an incompetent decision by Mayor Bass', and I'm shocked she would make a decision like this. I've supported her before but I'm disgusted on her decision. Mayor Bass should be blamed. Being the captain of the Los Angeles Fire Department comes with bravery, strength, and skill, and Chief Crowley has all three among other great abilities. No one can replace such a great human and person like her in this position. I admire Chief Crowley's bravery, strength, skill, and determination. She came to work to help this state, and she certainly made a difference. Jack Zucker

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmin Saludo

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:47 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. I believe that Chief Crowley should be reinstated and here's why: 1. The damage has been done and everyone including Mayor Karen Bass should take Accountability. 2. The next election is scheduled on June 2, 2026, Angelenos wants to see unity and not division. 3. Mayor Karen Bass promise to end homelessness and that has not been done, does it mean that she must resign because she failed to do this task? 4. Letting Chief Crowley go just proved that everyone that holds power in our City government work for their own self interest but not as a team for the benefit of Angelenos as a whole. 5. Mayor Karen Bass must set an example and lead everyone in this meeting for unity, unity to work together to serve others. I've been here for 22 years and if I did not become a DV victim/survivor, I wouldn't have any interest to any political issues. I strongly believe that Mayor Karen Bass has so much influence to make Los Angeles County a much safer and thriving community but I do not think that she is able to do it, if she does not take accountability and promote unity. It will be nice to see Mayor Karen Bass and Chief Crowley holding a press conference to let Angelenos know that both of them are working together to serve our community, I believe its what we want to see... We would like to see unity amongst our leader so there is hope for LA. Mayor Karen Bass can start by reviewing all the policies and procedures of LAFD and other organizations such as LASF and LAPD. They are the first responders to our community and their approach needs improvement. Any changes and improvement to any organization must start with their policies and procedures. There is lack of education from the organization that are supposed to be more educated and more prepared to community crisis and emergencies. The fire in Pacific Palisades must serve as a lesson for our leaders to unite and for Mayor Karen Bass to consider the importance of unity and trust. Trust that Chief Crowley herself is around to serve the LAFD personnel and the community itself. Trust that if there is unity then everything will be possible. By the way, I would not mind volunteering my time to help review the PP. (Policies and Procedures for LA County) Thank you very much.

Communication from Public

Name: Aurelie Danon

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 08:37 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: It is disgraceful to fire the LA City Fire Chief in lieu of facing the political consequences of poor governance, leadership and fiscal discipline. The money WASTED on the Mayor Bass - VaLecia Kellum homeless industrial circus is at the root of the financial crisis but also the outrageously high percentage of deployment of LAFD for homeless related calls - as high as 75% in some areas! People that refuse shelter over and over, mental ill, addicted and the criminal predators that prey on our city MUST be returned to their city of origin, placed in a mental or addiction center, or given the option of shelter or incarceration. Start requiring sobriety and some contribution to society! If they can't manage that, hospitalize and treat them!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Former LAFD Chief Crowley should be reinstated because she was not responsible for the mismanagement of the water situation. The person or persons responsible for taking the reservoir nearest the Palisades Fire offline during severe fire weather should be held responsible and the mayor should hold herself accountable for leaving LA during a severe fire weather event that everyone, except her apparently, knew was coming. BTW, absolutely no one believes that she didn't know. She should have been here to manage it and should have made sure all agencies were ready to protect our lives and homes before this tragedy began.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Courtney Martin

Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley and other LAFD union members who decried budget concerns were discredited by at least one major political influencer connected to a PAC that is being exposed for corruption and abuse via FEC Matter Under Review 8300. I have reason to believe the disinformation regarding why budget issues were brought up is was strategic. Multiple reports such as in The Intercept and New Republic disclose details about how the LAPD received unnecessary funding while firefighters were neglected. These are not Conservative rags as influencers implied, these are publications on the Left but outside of the capitalist establishment. Overfunding police and underfunding firefighters is fascist. Covering it up is even more so.

Communication from Public

Name: Georgia Brewer

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 08:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Council Members, As a resident of Los Angeles for nearly 50 years I am writing to express my shock and dismay over the dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. When former Mayor Garcetti named Kristin Crowley our Fire Chief in 2022, I rejoiced. The LAFD had had problems for years with harassment, and I had confidence she would make a positive difference for the employees. After all, she had come up through the ranks and had dedicated decades of her life to the department. I was proud to have a Fire Chief who was such a professional. She's a remarkable woman. And she's done a great job, fulfilling the mission and advocating for her department. Yes, before and during the recent conflagrations, Chief Crowley spoke up about funding issues the LAFD is trying to deal with. That was part of her job - to make sure the department has the resources it needs to respond to the city's needs, to advocate for an agency that is critical to our communities. She was honest and I respect her for that. Most recently, during the fires Chief Crowley was here in Los Angeles, guiding the response. While criticisms about decisions she made during the crisis have been suggested, second-guessing top professionals after the fact during such extraordinary circumstances ("a wildfire in a hurricane") is simply unfair. No doubt once investigations of the response to these terrible fires have been completed, many errors on the part of multiple government agencies will be revealed. Are we going to fire all those people? It is not a reasonable decision to fire Chief Crowley. It is short-sighted. It undermines our public safety. It disrespects a dedicated, highly qualified and experienced leader who is a tremendous asset to our City. As a constituent, I strongly urge all City Council members to vote in favor of Kristin Crowley's appeal and reinstate her to the position of Fire Chief. Please bring her back! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ricardo Moreno
Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 06:58 PM
Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, it wasn't long ago that Mayor Karen Bass and Fire Chief Kristin Crowley stood side by side. The mayor even praised Crowley's leadership. Then just 3 days after her unpopular Fox11 interview, where public backlash was intense, Bass surprisingly fired Crowley. The three day gap between the interview and Crowley's firing makes it impossible to ignore that this was a desperate attempt to protect herself from criticism. In the interview Bass claimed that she didn't know about the fire risks. That didn't sit well with the public, because it simply wasn't believable. The Fire warnings were everywhere, and Bass herself had tweeted and retweeted them on her X account. Public records also show that Fire Chief Kristin Crowley warned the Acting Mayor about the fire risks before the wildfires began. Crowley was leading the response on the ground, while Bass was absent in Ghana, despite having publicly promised in 2021 not to travel internationally as mayor. It's difficult not to see the firing as an attempt to reinforce her claim of ignorance about the fire risks, doubling down to shift blame away from her own failures in leaving the city unprepared. What makes the firing even worse is that Crowley had already warned in December that budget cuts would weaken the city's ability to fight fires. Yet under Bass's leadership, \$17 million was still cut from the LAFD's budget and the Santa Ynez Reservoir was left empty. She later falsely claimed that the reservoir was only for drinking water. The fires exposed a troubling pattern of leadership driven by panic and reaction rather than careful planning. Once it became clear how unprepared the city was and how Bass absence only worsened the situation, she panicked: She alienated allies like L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath that disputed her claim that they were "locked arms" in unity. She undermined her own recovery czar with first offering him a \$500,000 salary, then walking it back after public outrage. She pushed through a \$10 million no bid contract for a consulting firm known for mismanaging disaster relief funds. She reversed her decision on reopening the Palisades after criticism, yet another sign of reacting to backlash instead of leading decisively. Despite initially promising a swift rebuilding process, Bass later admitted it could take 3 to 5 years. Los Angeles needs stability and real leadership, not a mayor more focused on protecting her image than protecting the city.

Scapegoating a respected fire chief to try to save herself is unacceptable. The City Council must take action. Chief Crowley should be reinstated, as her firing was obviously politically motivated and not performance based. Bass's leadership has been chaotic and ineffective. The right thing to do is to urge her to step down so LA can finally move forward. Sincerely, Ricardo Moreno

Communication from Public

Name: Lt. Tina Guiler

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 05:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: We would like to express support for Chief Crowley. With over 25 years of experience in the fire service myself, I lead an organization called, Triple F - Fierce Female Firefighters, it is the largest organization dedicated to only supporting women in the fire service in the world, boasting over 7,200 members from 58 different countries, encompassing all ranks from Fire Chief to firefighter. We want the city council to understand that we stand firmly with Chief Crowley in her management of the recent LA fires. Her leadership has been a source of inspiration as we observed her navigate the challenges faced by the fire department. Chief Crowley has received commendations from numerous fire chiefs across the nation and internationally for her adept handling of this devastating natural disaster. We stand with Chief Crowley and ask to please reinstate her to the position of Fire Chief. She has proven time and time again that she deserves this rank with her actions, she takes care of her firefighters, and does an outstanding job for the Public in protecting them and their properties. There's no fire department or Fire Chief in the country that could've done better than what Chief Crowley has done. We ask that you please reinstate her as Fire Chief. You won't be disappointed.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin C Jaffe

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 06:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I support Firecheif Crowleys appeal. It seems as if she was removed for speaking directly and honestly to the people of LA about a difficult situation rather than any deficiency in her ability to do her job well. Please vote in support of her appeal. Thank you, Ben Jaffe

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Rice

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 07:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley's exceptional dedication to the City of Los Angeles and welfare of the firefighters under her command should evoke unequivocal appreciation, not termination. Make no mistake, Chief Crowley was removed for speaking truth to power, and that was a mistake that should be rectified with her immediate reinstatement. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Brandy Welch
Date Submitted: 03/04/2025 08:04 AM
Council File No: 25-0212
Comments for Public Posting: Chief Crowley deserves due process!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2025 07:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0212

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to express my outrage and deep concern over the unjust dismissal of LAFD Fire Chief Kristin Crowley. Chief Crowley was not removed due to performance failures but because she had the courage to speak the truth. This politically motivated decision undermines the integrity of our city's leadership and endangers public safety by removing the most qualified, experienced, and dedicated leader from her rightful position. As a constituent, I stand with UFLAC - United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local 112, LAWFS Los Angeles Women in the Fire Service, CA NOW (CA National Organization for Women), and Equity On Fire in urging you to Stand up for our Firefighters and VOTE IN FAVOR of FIRE CHIEF CROWLEY'S appeal at her hearing on Tuesday, March 4th!
Sincerely, Kris Larson