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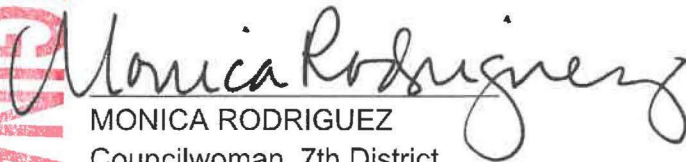
The Charter Reform Commission (CRC) made several recommendations to improve governance structures in Los Angeles. One such recommendation is to bifurcate the current role of the City Attorney into two roles. In the model recommended by the CRC the City Attorney becomes a nonelected appointment by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council similar to a City department general manager. The City Attorney would provide legal counsel to the City and a new role titled City Prosecutor would be created and elected by the voters to prosecute crimes. The bifurcation of the role is intended to depoliticize legal counsel but may cause the unintended consequence of undermining the independence of legal counsel.

In order to consider more than one option to improve legal counsel in the City, the City Council may consider establishing an Office of Legal Counsel within the Chief Legislative Analyst. The Office of Legal Counsel could provide advice to the City Council and work on Council initiated ordinances.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the impacts and costs associated with bifurcating the City Attorney's office as proposed by the Charter Reform Commission, and on the impacts and costs of establishing an Office of Legal Counsel within the Chief Legislative Analyst.

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