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The suspension of Los Angeles City Council members has emerged as a significant issue in local governance, tied to allegations of misconduct, ethical violations, or criminal investigations. In recent years, public trust in the council has been tested by high-profile scandals involving corruption charges and leaked communications, prompting calls for accountability and reform. When a council member is suspended, it typically follows legal action and while the city charter does not always provide a clear process for removal or suspension resulting in inconsistency.

These situations highlight ongoing concerns about transparency, ethics enforcement, and the balance of power within city government. A lack of a clear and consistent process for suspending or removing elected officials can undermine public confidence,


The Charter Reform Commission (CRC) has made recommendations to increase the threshold for the votes needed to suspend a Councilmember, from a simple majority to 3/4th. With a higher threshold an unattended consequence may be in greater inconsistencies, not more clarity.

Additionally, the CRC did not address misconduct or a vacancy in the other elected offices of Mayor, City Attorney, or City Controller. Not clarifying the process in which the City would address in all elected offices leaves us in the same position as we are prior to reform.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst to report with recommendations on how the Charter should be amended to clarify suspension for misconduct for all elected officials as part of Charter Reform .

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