

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the following reforms to the Charter, to ensure that the Controller can fulfill their role as the City's independent watchdog: Give the Controller an independent budget of no less than 0.42% of the City's General Fund Clarify the Controller's audit authority includes performance audits of ALL City programs that are sourced from or use City tax dollars (including those under elected offices) Allow the Controller to hire outside counsel when necessary Enshrine the Controller's Fraud, Waste, and Abuse function (recommended by the Charter Reform Commission) Require minimum qualifications for the Controller. Designate the Controller as the City's Chief Financial Officer. I have closely been following the Charter Reform Commission meetings for the past year, and my understanding is that the City Controller has done everything he could to do this job and needs more resources to continue effectively doing his job. Please, listen to the voice of the people when we ask that you honor the controller's requests. Thank you!

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Name: Good Government Advocates

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong support for police accountability and transparency in the City of Los Angeles. The current structure of oversight has failed to meet the standards outlined in the City Charter and the U.S. Constitution. The LAPD Board of Police Commissioners has not fulfilled its responsibilities, and the Chief of Police has repeatedly failed to address misconduct within the department, including ongoing violations of federal injunctions. The LAPD, in its current form, cannot be trusted to regulate itself. Misconduct and inadequate oversight have cost the city millions of dollars in liability payouts—funds that should be serving the public good. Meanwhile, the Personnel Department remains understaffed and underfunded, while the LAPD continues to receive the largest budget of any city department. This imbalance is not only unfair but fundamentally immoral. It is time for the Los Angeles City Council to assert direct authority and meaningful oversight over the LAPD. Stronger civilian control is essential to restoring public trust, ensuring accountability, and protecting local democracy. The people of Los Angeles deserve a policing system that reflects their values, respects their rights, and operates with transparency. For the sake of the city and its residents, the City Council must take back control of the LAPD and ensure that the public has a real voice in shaping the future of public safety.