

Communication from Public

Name: Good Government Advocate

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, As you evaluate the Charter Commission's recommendations, I stand with LA Forward, Fair Rep LA and Unrig LA, in support of a package of common sense charter provisions to improve police accountability for Angelenos, including: - Allowing the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm - Ensuring LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes; and - Ensuring LAPD protects the first amendment rights of free press and protest in its work These reforms don't give the Chief of Police or Council any special powers; they simply give the Chief and Council tools that other Departments have access to. Additionally, these reforms do nothing to change the high bar of removal of an employee, or the high bar of passing an ordinance with a council majority. These reforms simply reinforce powers typically held by City Council or department heads. I urge you to support all three of these reforms. Many other city departments are underfunded and understaffed, while the LAPD has the biggest budget in the city. It is only fair to hold the LAPD and their chief accountable. The people of Los Angeles deserve better! Do the right thing, please. Thank you,

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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.

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Comments for Public Posting: May 28, 2026 Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Agenda item #26-0489 We respectfully urge the Commission to reject the recommendations put forward by the Charter Working Group. These proposals would weaken important workplace protections, make hiring more vulnerable to favoritism, and reduce the voice that city employees have in decisions that directly affect our jobs and our ability to serve the public. Expanding the number of positions exempt from Civil Service protections would move us away from a fair, merit-based system and toward one that is more influenced by politics and personal relationships. Civil Service protections exist for a reason — they help ensure that employees are hired and retained based on qualifications, experience, and dedication to public service. When workers feel secure in their positions, they can focus their energy on doing meaningful work for the communities they serve, instead of worrying about changing political priorities or management turnover. Changes to the examination process could make it even harder to fill vacant positions at a time when many departments are already stretched thin. City workers see firsthand how staffing shortages impact services, workloads, and morale. We should be looking for ways to improve and strengthen the hiring process, not create additional obstacles that could discourage qualified applicants from joining public service. Transferring authority from the Civil Service Commission to the General Manager of the Personnel Department would also reduce the independence and accountability that employees rely on when raising concerns about classifications, pay, and workplace treatment. City employees deserve to work with people who understand the unique challenges of our departments and who are willing to genuinely listen and respond to our concerns. These decisions should not be handled from a distance by individuals who may only know our work through reports and summaries. At the heart of this issue are the people who keep our City running every day. We care deeply about the work we do and the communities we serve. We ask the Commission to protect the integrity of our Civil Service system and reject these recommendations in favor of solutions that support workers, strengthen public services, and preserve fairness and accountability for everyone. Concerned Citizen, S. Greene

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