Communication from Public

Name:	Violet Carne
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 08:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing to support the democratic reforms to our city government, including council expansion, ranked choice voting and more police oversight. This city's councilmembers shouldn't have more power than many state representatives, and ranked choice voting has a long track record of better reflecting the will of voters. With ever-increasing liability payments due to police misconduct, the need for oversight with teeth is obvious. Don't use your outsized power to crush needed reforms.

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline Dimayuga
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 08:36 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles City District 13, and I am urging members of LA City Council to SUPPORT the following proposals for this November's ballot: City Council Seat Expansion, Ranked Choice Voting, and Increased LAPD Oversight. By increasing City Council seats, civilians across all districts can have a better chance of having their neighborhood's issues addressed directly. Although there are bills and measures that affect districts as a whole, each locality is different depending on geography, businesses, and demographics of each individual household. In the spirit of this, ranked choice voting creates a more democratic system overall that empowers voters to have a more holistic approval process of candidates and their policies. By seeing what and who each voter prioritizes, we can collectively advocate for similar reforms faster rather than focus on divisive rhetoric that produces civic road blocks. Finally, and I cannot believe I have to put this in writing given the events of the past year: LAPD needs more oversight and accountability from our city officials. Acting with impunity to peaceful protestors and civilians alike is not sustainable, and ultimately wastes our taxpayer dollars on law enforcement rather than necessary social service reform and accessibility. LAPD does not need more dollars, or helicopters, or military-grade gear to make our city safe. Programs and policies that ensure a better quality of life have unequivocally lowered crime in major cities like ours. We've seen it in New York this past year. We're REALLY going to let the east coast beat one of the most progressive cities in the world beat us in providing for our residents? That's not the Los Angeles I know. I urge ALL council members to consider what it is YOUR constituents love about LA, and fight to keep it as a place that everyone can thrive in their own local abundance. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:	Chris Courtney Martin
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 08:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please stop harassing Kenneth Mejia's office. We know you're going after everyone who spoke out about how the budget shafted LAFD in favor of the LAPD. Kristin Crowley is suing. Freddy Escobar is suing. Their lawsuits make it very clear that your world revolves around hiding the true impact of what happened with the CA wildfires. This is not just on the mayor, but on city council and its allies. You benefited from the transfer of 40 LA County vehicle resources to the Palisades that could have been used to fight the Eaton fire. All because the city left 40 LAFD vehicles out of service, being miserly and corrupt. https://internationalfireandsafetyjournal.com/fire-truck-data-raises-questions-over-eaton-fire-response-in-altadena/ You must be aware that Tony Marrone told CNN himself that he prioritized the Palisades Fire over his own district. https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=u-wTnJXUm9YS9ZyZ&t=242&v=UoI8cDW2_Yg&feature=youtu.be He didn't bother to divide the remaining county trucks evenly between the areas impacted by the Eaton fire, and mostly Black people lost their lives. https://pasadenanow.com/main/report-just-one-fire-truck-in-west-altadena-as-town-burned Though the Grammys website has already recently taken down the evidence-- which I was sure to preserve via screenshot, anyway-- Tony Marrone was honored on stage while the Grammys falsely referenced him as the LAFD chief. I don't know who among you is responsible for making that kind of arrangement, but I know they're part of a cover-up and got caught rewarding a fully avoidable tragedy that outpaces the Flint, Michigan crisis. You possess this evidence pretty much anywhere someone could comment on the matter. Trust me, I know, because I possess the corresponding outgoing emails. This constant battle with Mejia's office is being recorded as another branch of the retaliation campaign that hides the truth of the LAFD budget crisis and how blatantly the city has pulled out all the stops to cover it up.

Communication from Public

Name:	Elizabeth Brown
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 05:41 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please vote yes, in favor to support the following initiatives: Council expansions Ranked choice voting More LAPD oversight All six of Controller Mejia's recommendations, especially an independent budget for his department.

Communication from Public

Name:	Thomas Peyton
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 08:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing to ask the council NOT to stand in the way of progress, but rather to move forward with changes that will benefit all of the city's electorate. Ranked Choice voting and council seat expansion both dramatically help level the playing field for politicians whose policies will greatly benefit Angelenos, but who cannot compete with the vast fundraising machines of corporate-backed candidates. And given the fact that the LAPD budget is now quite literally HALF the city budget, with 400 million dollars of that being spent NOT to protect Angelenos but rather reimburse them for misconduct against them, increased oversight of and accountability from the LAPD is long overdue. There is no need for further studies, and we the voters can see clearly that this is just a matter of certain elected officials kicking the can down the road because they care more about what benefits them than what benefits the city. Thomas Peyton El Sereno / CD-14

Communication from Public

Name:	Gasethata Resheng
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 08:25 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	The charter commission was created to tackle big issues but it seems like they are reneging on that duty. I am asking for the following from city council: -council expansion -ranked choice voting -more LAPD oversight -all 6 recommendations made by city controller, especially an independent budget

Communication from Public

Name:	Haylee Herrick
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 06:17 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm expressing my demand that we have these measures put on our November ballot: I demand we have expansion of the council, ranked choice voting and more LAPD oversight.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lester Meza
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 06:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Pass the council expansion, ranked choice voting, and more LAPD oversight so they can be voted on by voters. We don't need more studies, we need it to be on the ballot to decided by Angelinos and not endlessy stalled by bureaucrats.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 06:29 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Writing in support of expanding our city council. We have the smallest city council as a large city and need more representation. This should go to the voters in November as recommended by the charter commission.

Communication from Public

Name:	Adriana Negrete
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 06:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello! I've lived in Los Angeles my entire life and while I love this great city we need some improvements. Ranked choice voting and council expansion would ensure that more voices in this city are heard and represented in our democracy. This would encourage more community engagement and involvement as well as help the city government know what issues and needs affect our people. One of these needs is the massive overspending of LAPD that cuts into the budget for necessary services. LAPD are a reactionary force that can't actually prevent any crimes but community centers, food drives, and housing assistance are guaranteed to lower crime rates and increase happiness in the city. This is where our money should be going not a new police cruiser model or some fake training. As the city council, please listen to the actual city members and our needs.

Communication from Public

Name:	Nadav David
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 06:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Councilmembers, My name is Nadav David and I live in CD-5 in the Pico Robertson neighborhood. We have waited long enough for the following charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: - Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 - Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm - Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fourth priority reform: - Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office. Residents are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Nadav

Communication from Public

Name:	May moakley
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:07 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	We desperately need charter reform, Angelenos are wildly unrepresented and our electeds have done an embarrassing job of showing up for us, often literally. The only reason to oppose reforms like council expansion and ranked choice is because you see yourself benefitting from the broken system, and that's exactly what I'll be telling my less informed voter friends should they ask me about the re-election of anyone who votes no on this. Anyone who would deny my neighbors greater franchise to protect their personal power cannot be trusted with power at all.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jonathan gross
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:08 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please support charter reform! I'm so grateful that the charter reform commission proposed so many exciting reforms, including ranked choice voting, police oversight, and expanding the city council. These are much-needed reforms that would make an extremely positive impact on our elections, our policing, and our city council. It would be a tragedy if opportunity to address these problems was wasted. Please do your part to give people of LA the opportunity to make these reforms! Sincerely, Jonathan Gross District 1

Communication from Public

Name:	Kayla
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:10 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	As an environmental steward and Los Angeles resident born and raised, I ask that you please allocate more money towards our parks! In a time where fear and stress plague our cities and neighbors, parks are a place for tranquility and respite. With an increased budget towards our parks we can ensure they are all maintained and beautified to a standard everyone can enjoy! Parks are an amenity all people want to see in their neighborhoods! They not only benefit the people, but our local wildlife as well. They are places where people can gather to create community, nourish joy, and learn from one another. Increased funding towards our parks can also ensure we have plenty of people on staff who can help maintain them without feeling thinned out and stressed. I am asking once again that you all allocate more money towards our parks! It's what the people want!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Alejandro Lopez
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:23 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I write today in support of all the charter reforms recommended by the charter reform commission. I am in favor of expanding the city council, and rank choice voting in particular. It’s ridiculous that a city of four million has 15 districts. Thank you for reading.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ellen Goldberg
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:26 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please move forward with putting the charter committee recommendations on the ballot. Trust in LA Government is at all time low, not moving forward with these items will only make that worse. We need city council expansion, we need ranked choice voting, and we need an independent controller who can stop fraude, waste, and abuse. I am begging you to move forward with these recommendations and put them on the ballot. Let the people decide, and allow us to believe you have our best interests on your mind and the interests of the city.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa Farris
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 07:47 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Los Angeles tax payer cannot afford additional bureaucracy and waste! It is important that you vote immediately to address and allow: 1. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm No other City department is immune to having its staff fired by the department head. Chief McDonnell cannot fire problematic officers – instead, they collect pay while doing desk work. Allowing the Chief of Police to remove officers also still keeps guardrails in place: fired officers would still be allowed to appeal through normal processes. 2. Create an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office (this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office) The City Council and the City Attorney are bound to have conflicting views and interests. Given their responsibility for defending against lawsuits, the City Attorney is also likely to be far more risk averse than elected councilmembers. These tendencies may unfairly limit councilmembers ability to craft potential laws and policies. Peer cities such as NYC, Chicago, Seattle, and have found it useful to have an Office of Legislative Counsel, solely accountable to the City Council, similar to what the CA Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives employ for their legislative drafting functions. This is a first step LA City can take to depoliticize the City Attorney's office: the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 07:52 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: City council should NOT block Charter reforms on the basis of requiring further study. The proposed reforms have been studied enough. Extensively, even. If the City Council does not support council expansion, ranked choice voting, an independent budget, and increased LAPD oversight, then it is sending a clear message to its constituents that they do not care about us, refuse to listen to us, and are not operating in our best interest. This will only serve to deepen Angelenos distrust in our city government and reaffirms public opinion that city officials are only interested in maintaining the status quo and serving their own interests. Public morale is low, and LA needs a win. Please, let the people vote!

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Gosparini
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 08:04 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, We have waited long enough for the following five LA Forward charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: 1. Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 2. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm 3. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes 4. Modify our voting system to follow that of Ranked Choice Voting Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fifth priority reform: 5. Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office At LA Forward, we are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Brett Heeger
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 08:08 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the proposed amendment to L.A.'s City Charter Sec. 371(a). This amendment would allow the City to grant bid preferences to worker cooperatives and other types of cooperatives, as well as to businesses that engage in sustainability and other practices that provide public benefits to the City. I would encourage you to please vote in favor of this amendment. Worker-cooperatives provide triple bottom line benefits: 1) workers have better financial outcomes as they are both workers and owners; 2) worker-member participation in workplace democracy tends to improve members' community engagement; and 3) cooperatives tend to operate more sustainably, since worker-members are more aware of their co-op's impact on the community they live in. My firm operates as a worker owned cooperative, and we help form and transition lots of cooperatives in LA and beyond. I see on a day to day basis how meaningful the success of cooperatively-run businesses can be to their worker-members, their families, and neighborhoods. And LA County is actively rolling out a series of initiatives to help increase and scale worker cooperatives (and other worker ownership structures), so we can look forward to growing the number of local eligible businesses in coming years. State and federal law provides a clear and successful regulatory framework of expert-approved standards to determine cooperatives' qualification for bid preferences, so administration of this preference should not be a significant burden. By permitting the City to offer bid preferences to cooperatives, and to worker cooperatives, the City of Los Angeles gives its agencies the power to support cooperatives that provide triple bottom line benefits to residents and to the broader community. The proposal will also enable the City to orient city business away from companies who might offer the City contracts that appear cheaper but come with high externalized costs to the City, including negative impacts to worker rights and wellbeing; and injuries to the environment and local economy. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ayasha Guerin
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 08:10 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I’m writing to register my concern with the council’s decision to table the option for public votes on council expansion, ranked choice voting, more LAPD oversight, and all 6 controller recommendations, especially an independent budget. We don’t need more study, we need more choices and we need more action. In refusing to let us vote on these measures, you’re eroding public trust. Please reconsider the consequences. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 12:08 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the latest Chief Legislative Analyst report submitted on June 10, 2026, to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Committee. One of the most important reforms under consideration is ensuring meaningful accountability for the LAPD, particularly in light of ongoing misconduct and a persistent lack of transparency. The LAPD continues to receive the largest budget of any city department, even as many other departments remain understaffed and under-resourced. Working-class neighborhoods across Los Angeles are not receiving the services and support they need, while LAPD funding continues to grow. City Controller Mejia's Revenue Forecast Report before the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee also highlighted that the LAPD is responsible for the largest liability payouts in the City of Los Angeles. This pattern is unsustainable. The city cannot continue absorbing excessive legal costs and litigation stemming from LAPD incompetence and misconduct. I was also disappointed by Chief McDonnell's recent comments during his interview with NBC4's Conan Nolan, in which he belittled a city department responsible for hiring—despite LAPD having the largest budget in the city. It was inappropriate for the Chief to disparage another department, members of the City Council, or the people of Los Angeles. For reference, here is the clip: https://youtu.be/RlZFL65UVq0?si=360oUTEKFU9l3Eno With the Rules Committee now considering Charter Reform, this is a critical moment for meaningful police reform and accountability. I urge the City Council to take bold and necessary action to ensure transparency, responsible budgeting, and a safer, more equitable Los Angeles for all residents. Sincerely,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 12:10 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I'm urging you to support: - Ranked choice voting. This last mayor and governor race was an absolute mess and ranked choice voting would help the people choose the best people to represent us instead of needing to strategically choose our votes to try and go with the least harmful choice. - Council expansion - More LAPD oversight - All 6 Controller recommendations, especially on an independent budget We the people deserve to be represented how we want, authentically and accurately.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexandra Bandea
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 12:20 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do NOT further delay critical charter reforms such as council expansion, ranked choice voting, and greater LAPD oversight. The commission has already studied these and they desperately need to be sent to voters this November. I am literally writing my comment after my late-night shift because this is so important to me and I truly believe these reforms will improve the future of the city by and large.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 12:23 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the proposal to double the Department of Recreation and Parks' Charter allocation — the minimum level of city funding set in the City Charter — from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, phased in over four years. Los Angeles parks serve 4 million Angelenos across 500 parks and 16,000 acres. The Department operates 123 recreation centers, 29 senior centers, 59 pools, and 411 playgrounds — basic city services that every neighborhood depends on. Yet the City's own 2025 Park Needs Assessment confirms what we already know: our parks are underfunded and falling behind. LA spends just $92 per resident on parks compared to $283 in peer cities, more than 1.5 million residents lack a park within a 10-minute walk of home, and the Department has lost 28% of its full-time staff and 62% of its part-time staff since 2008. Parks are among the last truly free spaces for Angelenos. They protect public health, reduce extreme heat, and provide green space and clean air in neighborhoods that need it most. They are basic services essential to a livable, sustainable city — and investing in them is a choice about what kind of Los Angeles we want to be. And we need them to be safe, secure, and maintained in order for people to be able to use these basic services. This proposal is a correction. Since 2009, a change in city fiscal policy has required parks to pay overhead charges — costs that the City covers for most other departments. Those charges have grown every year, and today 40% of the parks budget is returned to the City before a single park opens its doors. Doubling the Charter allocation would bring the parks budget to approximately $596 million — almost exactly what the City's own Park Needs Assessment identifies as the annual operating need. The Department of Recreation and Parks, advocates and Councilmembers have recommended a four-year phase-in, modeled on Measure L — the same approach that restored the Library after voters approved it in 2011 by 63%. That timeline is the responsible path: it gives the City time to plan while ensuring the full correction is achieved. A longer phase-in or a partial increase would fall short of the need the City's own numbers have already established. I urge the City Council to place this measure on the November 2026 ballot and let Angelenos decide. Sincerely, Name: K.P. Neighborhood: Mar Vista

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 12:30 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express support for the proposed City Charter Reform. Ranked choice voting and expanding the city council to 25 members should be a priority. Let the voters decide. No more research.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexandra Bandea
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 12:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do NOT further delay critical charter reforms such as council expansion, ranked choice voting, and greater LAPD oversight. The commission has already studied these and they desperately need to be sent to voters this November. I am literally writing my comment after my late-night shift because this is so important to me and I truly believe these reforms will improve the future of the city by and large.

Communication from Public

Name:	JB
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 12:45 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Honorable Council Members, I'm writing to OPPOSE numerous 2026 Charter Reform Proposals. CRC 9: Should this move to the ballot it needs to be its own initiative. Bundling it with the few worthwhile recommendations is unfair to voters who do not understand the changes to FAR and exemptions from CEQA are designed to accelerate gentrification and displacement beyond what Sacramento has forced on select counties in the state. I oppose it and would prefer it not go to a ballot bundled with other changes. CRC 12: NO. This does not improve representation as that is dependent on WHO represents you, not that they represent less people. CRC 15: NO CRC 22: NO. CRC 23: NO. Silly idea. CRC 37: $10 million for what? CRC 55: This one should invalidate all of the recommendations. Recommending that the city spend $5.2 million per year on an insurance policy that covers $104 billion in liabilities would be hard to find ($50 a month for $1 million in coverage, really?). Please share the insurer that would take this. CRC 66: Considering the poor quality of the majority of the recommendations, I strongly oppose this recommendation. 26-0489-S6: Sure, evaluate but do not adopt. There are more pressing matters in the city. 26-0638: Again, NO. I've read through all of the recommendations and as painful as that was it's clear that CRC 1-4 have the most merit. Please minimize the scope of this and do not mess with LAFD (Rules #1 & #2). Thank you. JB Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicholas G
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 12:46 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	I demand The LA city council must let the voters decide to expand the charter if they want Ranked Choice Voting, Expanding City Council Seats and there should be LSPD oversight! Do not delay it for “further study.” The people deserve an expanding their democracy!

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Markes
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 02:18 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, We have waited long enough for the following four LA Forward charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes Ranked Choice Voting Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fourth priority reform: Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office At LA Forward, we are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Thomas

Communication from Public

Name:	Hared Ochoa
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 02:22 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	No further studies on ranked choice voting or expanding the city council. There have been several substantial studies spanning decades on these topics already. The city needs to implement these two recommendations. Allow these changes to be decided by the people of the city and place these in the ballots in November.

Communication from Public

Name: Francisco Santos
Date Submitted: 06/12/2026 01:24 AM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative for the City Council to not further relay the Charter reforms under the justification of needing "more studies" and have these reforms on the ballot this upcoming election. Many members on the city council have spoken out against Donald Trump and rightfully so. Donald Trump is a threat to democracy, but ironically the city council is actively hindering democratic reform by wanting to stop these propositions from making it onto the ballot in which voters would have the ability to strengthen their democracy. To the specific council members behind this, y'all are hypocrites and need to stop this and allow for these charter reforms to make it onto the November ballot. Standing up to Trump isn't simply saying you don't like the guy, it requires action and being the antithesis of what he stands for. This recent primary election has been a mess. Many people on the internet and those I know were stressed out and confused with all the candidates on their ballot. Even as someone who votes regularly I got so confused with our jungle primary system. It is imperative that ranked choice voting goes into effect as soon as possible. This will also encourage more people to vote because one of the driving factors for why people opt out of voting is being confused with the number of candidates on the ballot and not knowing if the person they prefer to going to win. Lastly, LAPD desperately needs more oversight. It was shocking to see how animalistic the police were behaving during the ICE protest. People were peaceful protesting and they would often escalate things and that's why they got violent. I still remember when Australian reporter Lauren Tomasi for 9News went viral on social media because she was simply doing her job and a police man shot at her. An absolute embarrassment, the fact that this isn't an isolated incident goes to show the lack of oversight that allowed this to happen in the first place. This goes beyond just protests. I, like many people have had to go to the police station to report a crime and have had a terrible experience. Many people working in the police department have terrible attitudes, don't take victims seriously, are verbally abusive towards victims reporting crimes such as myself, and they get away with it because there isn't anyone to truly hold these people accountable. Sure we can always report these officers to their supervisors, which many people do, but this is a pattern of behavior because the current

system enables them to act like this. This isn't new however, the police department is fully aware of their shortcomings. This is why many police stations have community outreach events, to try to reduce the hostility people have for the police, but that's a bandage solution to a systematic problem. Which is why it is imperative for the city council to allow more oversight of the LAPD and to have this on the ballot in November. The time is now for reform, we have been wanting for this and we need this to make our city better and to work for us. Please take my comment into consideration and allow these reforms to make it onto the November ballot. No more delays!

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 01:30 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	LA is one of the largest cities in the country, yet the size of its council is more akin to a small town. I ask that the council support the charter reforms related to council expansion, introducing ranked choice voting, and more LAPD oversight. The council works for the voters and should give voters the chance to decide on these issues themselves. I also ask that the council support all 6 Controller recommendations, including but not limited to: an independent budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	LA voter
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 05:27 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Please consider ranked choice voting. It is clear after the ridiculous governors primary race and its DOZENS of candidates that we need a better system or else hundreds of thousands of votes end up feeling irrelevant.

Communication from Public

Name:	Treiops Treyfid
Date Submitted:	06/12/2026 05:32 AM
Council File No:	26-0489
Comments for Public Posting:	Los Angeles absolutely needs ranked voting, an expanded council with smaller districts, and lots more LA police oversight! The mayor needs the ability to fire the police chief and the police should follow the laws of Los Angeles!