

Communication from Public

Name: Jester Jersey

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 05:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I support lowering the voting age to 16 and being incorporated into the next Los Angeles City Charter. Enclosed is my supporting documentation with additional resources for the City Council's consideration. Thank you. Sincerely, Jester Jersey

Written Public Comment

For: Special Meeting - Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
April 30, 2026

RE: **City Council File no. 26-0489**: Charter Reform Commission report relative to recommendations for amendments to the City Charter

Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

My name is Jester Jersey and I am a supporter of lowering the voting age to 16. I also serve as the administrator of the Vote16Cal(California) account on Twitter. Thank you for accepting my written comment, and potentially hearing my in-person public comment on this matter.

For the last decade, I have been a pioneering voice in the efforts to lower the voting age to 16, ever since I first learned of the news that Takoma Park became the first city to lower the voting age to 16(1). Since that time, I have brought my advocacy nationwide, hosting webinars, speaking at conferences(2) and contributing to public comment opportunities, such as through the Charter Reform Commission, whom you have received recommendations from to make the city better(3).

Although there have been many others in the advocacy field echoing similar reasons as myself, I am one of the first, if not the very first advocate from our great state to promote lowering the voting age to 16, as I will share during the course of these deliberations between now and when the City Council has decided on which reforms will become ballot measures for the city's constituency to decide in November what City Charter changes should occur after the election. I would like an opportunity to make the case as to why lowering the voting age to 16 should be a part of the Charter.

As a city on the global stage, Los Angeles can serve as a beacon of democracy through the entertainment venue of sports. This year's winter Olympics wrapped up in February, but the FIFA games this summer will be a short preview of the Olympic immersion that L.A. will experience two years from now(4). Meanwhile, several countries have already either recently lowered their voting age to 16 or are planning to in the near future. For the former, Germany lowered its voting age to 16 in 2022, followed by Belgium the year after(5)(6). Just last year, the United Kingdom has pledged to lower its national voting age for future elections(7). Spain is also currently looking at this issue for its government elections(8). Los Angeles could be a pioneering global stage-level city that has lowered the voting age to 16 if this change is made to the city charter. At this time, there are only 15 cities spread across four states with a form of voting age of 16(9). However, that list continues to grow. Los Angeles could potentially be the 16th city with that particular claim.

On a national level, as mentioned earlier, only four states have that honored distinction of hosting jurisdictions that have voting at 16. Out of those 15, three are hosted by our great state of California(10). Adding Los Angeles to the three cities we have in the Golden State would improve our ratio of having a fifth of those cities to a fourth of those cities. While this may seem like a trivial statistic, when you factor in that Los Angeles is the second largest city in the country by population, potentially

enfranchising around 40,000-60,000 eligible new voters, this contributes significantly to the electorate population, literally expanding democracy in a way that boosts democratic participation in a very significant manner(11).

From a national standpoint, not only would this be significant for Angelenos who don't yet possess the ability to vote, but also for the supporters of the notion like myself, it would serve as an inspirational point and give substance to the work we are doing. Unbeknownst to many nationwide supporters of the movement, last August, allies from across ten different states convened in this very city to talk about inspiring movement in their own part of the country(12). Since our own assembly last summer, we have gone on to promote change far and wide, and whenever possible. For some of us, that even means in the city that hosted the convening itself: Los Angeles.

Pivoting to more local voices, you may have heard of the work by the Fair Rep LA group, who have repeatedly advocated for this notion at the numerous CRC meetings that took place for about nine months(13). You also see the inclusion of 16 year-olds voices in ReWriteLA's Civic Mini-Assembly that was convened(14). Though they don't yet have a vote, 16 year-old contributors had a hand in shaping the future of Los Angeles. Finally, you had the participation of Angelenos throughout the Charter Reform process, some of whom gave testimony around lowering the voting age to 16 as a reform issue alone, or a combination of issues they would like to see along with many others your esteemed Committee will be examining during the course of the next two months(15).

However, not all voices have an equal platform, whether that be local contributors like the Angelenos who participated in the recent CRC meetings nor even hardy advocates like myself who may not be well-known outside of the empowerment space. What then, about government leadership? Two stand out in my mind. One is Speaker of the House emerita Nancy Pelosi. Nancy Pelosi was not only one of the highest ranked leaders in our national government to come out in support of the issue, but also represents our great state of California(16). If this does not demonstrate true leadership, at a time when lowering the voting age was still a small, niche movement, then I don't know what is.

The second example of leadership in promoting lowering the voting age is from our very own recent past presidential administration's Vice-President, Kamala Harris. Twice in the last six months, former vice-president Harris has advocated for lowering the voting age herself(17)(18). I believe Harris is starting to see the change in direction in the democratic world, and sees lowering the voting age as the next great thing that democracy needs to build upon, based on the foundations laid by Takoma Park more than a decade ago. Like former Speaker Pelosi, former Vice-President Kamala Harris has also possessed a high position within our national government, and like Pelosi before her, had to possibly address thoughts people may have had who don't necessarily agree with the endorsement, albeit to a less severe degree than Pelosi.

On another note, next year, former Speaker Pelosi will be retiring(19). I think if L.A.'s constituency could lower the voting age before she retires from office, it would be a great send-off, and an acknowledgement of her contributions toward this growing national effort with local roots.

But do national leaders far removed from local efforts like those going on in L.A. not have the same weight of influence compared to local leadership? Then I ask the Committee to look no further than your own peer: Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez. Out of all the charter recommendations that have come out of the Commission, lowering the voting age to 16 was one of the first ones endorsed by a councilmember during the Ad Hoc Committee phase of the Commission(20). This shows that the notion has both national and local appeal among community-minded leaders.

Considering that these endorsements have come after 15 cities have already enacted them locally, rather than concern ourselves with the feasibility of it, perhaps a better thing to ponder about now is “Why not now?”. Are there not enough indicators to demonstrate that current and former leadership, local advocacy groups and local leaders, and other democracies around the world have already made up their minds about this? If so, should we then not do all we can to enfranchise more voters if they’ll be enfranchised anyway? But before you consider that, I would like us to take one more look at one more important group: the voters in question that might be potentially enfranchised.

To say that the Charter Reform process will only have influence within Los Angeles’ borders demonstrates that some may underestimate the scope of the reforms being looked at, and what significance it may have for democracy in general. Case in point is nearby Culver City, where you not only have young people themselves who are advocating for lowering the voting age, but their local leadership is keeping a close eye on the current charter reform process(21).

Advocates in Culver City, some of whom I’ve worked with closely in the past for general advocacy efforts, through their own advocacy, are helping shift the focus of attention on Los Angeles as well, much like in the same manner spectators from all over the world will be watching Los Angeles as it prepares to host the Olympic games in the near future. Young advocates are bringing the city into focus through the lens of other democracies. When they advocate, people listen. So why not give them an opportunity to voice their opinions through the ballot box? More democracies are starting to invest in their young constituencies. It should not be too difficult for a city as progressive as Los Angeles to incorporate lowering the voting age to 16 in the next city charter(22).

In closing, I wish to say that as an advocate, lowering the voting age might have been a difficult issue to deal with even just a decade ago. But so much has changed since that time. It is time for city rules to change with those times, and to empower a new generation of leaders who will someday have the opportunity to lead their very peers and other younger voices in order to make a democracy more reflective of its constituencies, and more reflective of the people, by the people and for the people that it represents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jester Jersey
Advocate for lowering the voting age to 16
@Vote16Cal Twitter Administrator

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Name: Kaitlyn Binversie

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 06:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of bringing Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) to Los Angeles city elections. As a Los Angeles County resident, I believe our current election system often forces voters into overly narrow choices and can discourage broader participation. RCV gives voters a more accurate way to express their preferences by allowing them to rank candidates rather than feeling pressured to vote strategically for a "lesser of two evils" option. I'm particularly supportive of RCV because it can encourage candidates to build broader coalitions, appeal to a wider range of voters, and reduce some of the negativity that often dominates campaigns. It also helps ensure that winners have stronger overall support from voters. I also believe RCV can push candidates to run more thoughtful and substantive campaigns. Candidates can't rely solely on party labels, name recognition, or generic talking points. They must clearly communicate what they plan to do in office and why their platform deserves broad support. To earn second- and third-choice votes, candidates are incentivized to speak to a wider range of constituents and offer more specific solutions that reflect the needs of Los Angeles' diverse communities. Los Angeles is incredibly diverse, and our election systems should better reflect that complexity. Ranked Choice Voting is not a cure-all for political distrust or low civic engagement, but it is a meaningful step toward a more representative and voter-friendly process. I appreciate the Charter Reform Commission for advancing this recommendation and urge the Rules Committee to move Ranked Choice Voting forward.

Communication from Public

Name: Elva Yanez

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Comments for Public Posting: To: Members of the Rules Committee of the Los Angeles City Council: My name is Elva Yanez, Board President of Save Elephant Hill, a nonprofit organizations based in working to protect and preserve hillside land in El Sereno for open space. I have over 20 years of experience working on park and open space issues in Los Angeles. I am also a resident of Los Angeles, living in Council District 14. I am writing to ask the Rules Committee of the City Council to support the Charter Reform Commission's recommendation to DOUBLE the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)'s charter allocation — and to vote YES to place this measure on the November ballot. The City-commissioned Parks Needs Assessment, developed with input from over 100,000 Angelenos, identified over \$2 billion in deferred maintenance and a \$14.76 billion gap to reach peer-city service levels. Doubling RAP's allocation from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value — phased in over four years — would begin to close this gap and restore the parks, programs, and staff our communities depend on. It is shameful that the world class City of Los Angeles, soon to host the 2028 Olympics, is one of the most park poor cities in the United States, as ranked by the Trust for Public Land. Your vote in support of this measure gives voters the opportunity to change this situation for the better. Voting to increase funds for vital community infrastructure is within our power. We've done this before: in 2011, LA voters approved Measure L to increase the Library's allocation, and it passed with 63% approval. Polling shows 8 out of 10 LA voters already support additional park funding. The public is ready. We need our Council to act. Fund our parks now. Double Recreation and Parks' allocation. Vote YES to move this to the November ballot. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mona Field

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of the Charter commission, I want to urge rules committee to move forward with enthusiasm the item Re: section 593, funding for recreation and parks. Having safe, well equipped, and well staffed Parks is an equity issue, it is a community issue, it is a crime fighter, and it improves the quality of life for everyone. Please move to increase funding for these precious parks, and note that there is no tax increase involved. The Charter has had the same percent for 90 years. Let's give our parks what they deserve.

Communication from Public

Name: Yvette Lopez-Ledesma

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Tías on Trails, is a Latina-led hiking community based in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. We are dedicated to creating inclusive experiences for women to enjoy trails and parks all over L.A. As the Founder, life-long park user and park advocate I ask that you support the doubling of the amount of funds that is allocated to the Department of Recreation and Parks from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, per the Charter of the City of Los Angeles. I am a resident of Council District 6 and I spend a lot of time outside with my trail mates, most of which are your constituents. From the coastal trails in the western part of the City to parks and trails in neighborhoods of Mid-city, Porter Ranch, the Hollywood Hills and Northeast L.A. we see how much use these spaces get and also see how much care and maintenance is lacking. The recently completed Park Needs Assessment identified a need for \$558 million annually to cover the Department of Recreation and Parks staffing, operations, and General Fund reimbursements. The current department budget is approximately \$359 million, which means the shortfall of nearly \$200 million will result in even less parks per capita, maintenance, staffing and programs. As travelers and sports enthusiasts from all over the world get to visit L.A. for a series of mega-events, what do Angelenos get? When will it be our opportunity to enjoy the sights and games that spectators will enjoy? How will our local parks be cared for when the overflow of visitors, sponsors and businesses take over our local park facilities? What is the plan for long term care and investment of our green spaces in a city that keeps underfunding parks? Access to our local parks and trails needs to be prioritized in our City's Charter. You have the opportunity to move these recommendations forward. You have the opportunity to support the thousands of people who have engaged in the Charter process, the Park Needs Assessment and annual budgeting processes year after year who are calling for an increase of resources for parks. Mayor Bass recently released a Climate Plan. As catastrophic climate events become annual events, we are reminded over and over how unprepared we are to respond to such crises. Even with a climate plan, our leaders do not put enough emphasis on addressing climate change at the neighborhood scale. Healthy,

well maintained green spaces are essential to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Parks not only serve as the lungs of our city, they also serve as the heart of communities by being resource hubs in our greatest times of need. From Covid testing, cooling centers for seniors on fixed incomes, to shelters and food banks during wildfire events and power outages, parks carry the weight of climate change on their grounds. In order for a plan to come off of a shelf and into implementation, we are going to need funding for parks. Without proper funding of our existing green spaces that plan will fail and the most under-resourced people in our under-resourced neighborhoods will suffer the most. Previous city leaders have done this before: in 2011, L.A. voters approved Measure L to increase the Library's allocation, and it passed with 63% approval. Polling shows 8 out of 10 L.A. voters already support additional park funding. The public is ready. We need our Council to act and show their constituents that unlike the federal government, L.A. leaders believe in climate change and are taking action to enhance and protect our beloved parks, trails and open spaces for the people that elected them. Thank you, Yvette Lopez-Ledesma Founder, Tías on Trails



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Founder, Tías on Trails

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Name: Adam Richeimer

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Comments for Public Posting: Ranked Choice Voting is a more fair system that will give us more responsible government and greater civic participation. I urge you to vote in favor of RCV for all city elections, for both candidates and propositions, at all levels of city government, from mayor to neighborhood councils.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa J.

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a district 13 resident and I want to strongly encourage the adoption of ranked choice voting in Los Angeles. I believe ranked choice voting would more accurately reflect the desires of the city's residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Langlois
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:57 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SUPPORT IMPLEMENTING RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN ALL LOS ANGELES ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES. I'm thrilled to learn that the Charter Commission approved transitioning to RCV and I dearly hope the Rules Committee and all City Council Members will vote to do the same. Plurality voting (single choice voting, or "first past the post") has a massive design flaw that is way too easily exploited by people with lots of money and dishonest intentions. It is unethical to turn a blind eye to that kind of easily preventable malfeasance, regardless of whether "it's the way we've always done it." Even in the absence of potential campaign shenanigans, plurality voting has always been a stupid method of measuring voters' preferences. You really couldn't have a worse system in a race with three or more candidates. It's practically criminal. It CENSORS THE VOTER by only allowing them to express an opinion about a single candidate, instead of letting them give their opinion of all the candidates by ranking them. If you don't implement RCV, you run the risk of an extraordinarily unpleasant situation in which a majority of the voters would have explicitly voted against a "winning" candidate -- if only they had been afforded an efficient means of communicating that. Look, it has taken Los Angeles way too long to get to this point in the conversation. Meanwhile, the wise voters of New York City, Minneapolis, and San Francisco are making us look like we flunked junior high five times. So while I appreciate all your hard work, I am begging you, please don't fumble the ball now. Git er done! Supporting it is common sense, a good deed, and a no-brainer. Please and thank you, Danielle Langlois Sherman Oaks, CA

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Name: Suzanne Stone

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Communication from Public

Name: Jennie Palluzzi

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, As a LA City resident, I am urging you to support LA Forward's 12 current Charter Reform priorities: * Expanding the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 * Allowing the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm * Ensuring LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes * Ensuring LAPD protects the first amendment rights of free press and protest in its work * Splitting the current functions of the elected City Attorney's office into two: an elected City Prosecutor who prosecutes criminal cases and an City Attorney, appointed by the Mayor, who is the legal advisor and counsel for City departments, plus an Office of Legislative Counsel, accountable to City Council, which responsible for drafting legislation * Updating the Charter with a preamble as a statement of values, including affirming "the importance of compassion, fairness, due process, and support for all residents, regardless of immigration status" * Adopting a Capital Investment Program (CIP) on a five year cycle effective immediately * And – in tandem – Instituting a Director of Public Works to ensure accountability for the outcomes of CIP processes * Shifting the City from operating within an annual budget cycle to a two-year budget cycle, with provisions to ensure public comment at various points in the process * Instituting a Periodic Charter Review once-a-decade to provide opportunities to address governance issues in an orderly, unrushed manner and without the need for a scandal to jumpstart the process * Providing the council and mayor the flexibility to adopt new public financing systems (e.g. democracy vouchers, full public funding, a hybrid system) via ordinance * Enabling the suspension of any elected and appointed official facing felony criminal proceedings, or criminal misdemeanor proceedings related to a violation of official duties