

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; Designate the Controller as the City's Chief Financial Officer; Require minimum qualifications for the Controller; Clarify that 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; Enshrine the Controller's Fraud, Waste, and Abuse function

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Name: Griffith Park Advisory Board - Letter of Support

Date Submitted: 05/04/2026 11:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: April 29, 2026 Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson Chair, Los Angeles City Council Rules Committee Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson, The Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB) joins the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, and a coalition of community and City organizations in supporting the Charter Reform Commission's recommendation to amend Charter Section 593 to increase the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)'s allocation of assessed property value to 0.065%, phased in over a four-year period. RAP's allocation has been stagnant at 0.0325% since 1937, but the Department, the City, and Angelenos' need for parks and open space has only increased over these past 89 years. The proposed change to Charter Section 593 would allow Griffith Park and the other almost 500 RAP parks to begin tackling the vast amount of deferred maintenance and operational deficiencies recently cataloged by the Park Needs Assessment. GPAB supports the creation of a specific, equitable spending plan to ensure operations and maintenance of existing facilities are prioritized while allowing enough flexibility to react to emergent needs. Adequate investment in RAP benefits Angelenos in countless ways: access to park space and recreation opportunities have been proven to positively impact physical and mental health outcomes, counter social isolation, and even have a correlation with lower crime rates. Among the many crucial services and infrastructure the City funds, our parks are critical to the wellbeing and safety of our communities, and they should be recognized as such in the prioritization of the City's resources. The Charter Reform Commission has provided an historic opportunity to ensure greater stability for the Department and we urge you to support their recommendation. Sincerely, Alex Crow Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board



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Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

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April 29, 2026

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Chair, Los Angeles City Council Rules Committee

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Sincerely,
Alex Crow

Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: City Council Rules Committee: Councilmember Nithya Raman, Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, Councilmember John Lee

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