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Name: Mia Reback

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The streets of Los Angeles are in conditions raging from technically ADA compliant to outrageously dangerous. Especially for pedestrians and cyclists like myself. As a concerned resident of Los Angeles who wishes for a commute that at the very least is possible, I would like to express my support for a CIP to align departments and projects along with a Director of Public Works to coordinate and create a system of accountability. I also wish to advocate for the removal of section 507 from the Los Angeles City Charter. It feels fooling to have a different Chief Administrative Officer for each bureau of public works, as this creates a culture of fractured bureaus that act as their own departments instead of a unified body working towards the same goal. Essentially, how can we get stuff done when everything is so compartmentalized?

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Name: Jeremiah Hansen
Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 12:56 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I love living in Los Angeles but when I leave the city and visit others around the US I realize how much better we can be. Once you enter city limits there is garbage and graffiti EVERYWHERE, and I have to avoid potholes that haven't been repaired in years. Darkened streetlights are commonplace and take forever to repair, but when they are finally fixed they get replaced with what feels like prison lighting. Right now it truly feels like no one is in charge of our city streets. We need a vision for the future of LA's public works and we need someone empowered to make that vision a reality. I support the following Charter Recommendations: 1) We need a CIP! Almost every well functioning city has one, the time is now for LA to have a citywide Capital Infrastructure Program. 2) The board of public works is antiquated and INEFFECTIVE. We need a Director of Public Works with the responsibility to lead the department and bureaus and oversee the CIP process. We need a clear chain of command with the Director of Public Works at the top as the person held accountable for the infrastructure of the city of LA. There can be no accountability if we do not give the Director the full authority and tools to lead and coordinate the various departments under his purview. 3) The Parks need a proper budget. We have some of the worst park access of any major city in the nation. We should double the parks dedicated charter budget. I'm requesting the following amendments to the Charter: 1) Remove Section 580 - we need to make it easier to move duties between public works and other departments 2) Remove Section 507 - we need to get rid of the CAO's of each public works department. This is a cause of bureaucratic wall building. Having a Director of Public Works instead will help to unite these various departments under one goal: to improve LA's infrastructure.

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Name: Josh Vredevoogd
Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 11:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: See attached letter from Streets for All.



Dear Council Members:

The status quo of LA infrastructure is unacceptable. Roads are deteriorating, traffic deaths are climbing, we are negligent on providing accessible sidewalks, and streetlights are out across the City. This infrastructure is the most common touchpoint between Angeleno's and City governance, and it is a clear sign the current approach is broken. Bureau heads that act as department heads, diffuse leadership at the Board of Public Works, and contradictory goals lead to slow and expensive project delivery.

Streets for All supports:

- An empowered Director of Public Works
- A citywide CIP
- A larger budget apportionment for Rec and Parks

As proposed the Director of Public Works would become one of the most powerful positions in the City, managing billions of dollars along, the largest street network in the nation, and a significant percentage of City employees. This would create a much needed point of accountability and centralized management. It would align LA Public Works governance with other major Cities. Combined with a CIP, we can begin delivering capital projects and basic repair in systemic, efficient ways.

As you are considering modifications to the Charter for voters in November, **we strongly suggest removing Section 580 and moving it to administrative code.** This section defines the duties of the Public Works Department. For decades different studies and motions have suggested more efficient assignments of duties between departments and bureaus, with no real progress being made. For example, as the department responsible for transportation planning it may make sense for LADOT to manage road repaving, or have the ability to build curb ramps when planning other safety improvements. The City Council currently could not transfer those powers without going back to voters for a charter amendment. By removing section 580 we would allow future Council Members more nimble and flexible management of departments.

Thank you,
Josh Vredevoogd
Streets for All, Director of Research

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Name: Connie Hernandez

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Office of the City Clerk and To Whom it Concerns, As a resident who cares deeply about the future of Los Angeles, I believe our city must take meaningful steps to improve infrastructure, public safety, and government accountability. Los Angeles residents deserve better than crumbling roads, dangerous streets, delayed repairs, and a city government that too often operates without coordination or accountability. We live in one of the most important cities in the world, yet our infrastructure continues to fail to be a premier, safe and walkable, city. I strongly support creating a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and establishing a Director of Public Works to bring departments together under a clear vision, strengthen oversight, and ensure projects are completed efficiently, transparently, and with real accountability to the public so taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. I also strongly support increasing funding for the Parks Department because parks are not optional amenities. They are vital community spaces that keep neighborhoods healthy, safe, connected, and thriving. Families across Los Angeles deserve clean, safe, and properly maintained parks they can be proud of. In addition, I support removing Sections 507 and 580 of the charter because Los Angeles cannot continue operating through fragmented systems and outdated bureaucracy while infrastructure conditions worsen year after year. The City needs the flexibility to modernize operations, improve coordination between departments, and respond to problems with urgency instead of delay. Residents are tired of excuses and inefficiency. They want a city government that works together, delivers results, and treats public infrastructure and public safety with the seriousness they deserve. Thank you for your time, consideration, and for the opportunity to share my support for these important reforms. - Connie Hernandez

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Comments for Public Posting: LA is the second biggest city in the American, but is run like a third world city. LA should not be as dirty and fucked up as it is. We need change. Anybody running our public infrastructure should be required to visit Tokyo - Tokyo has 10x the people as LA and is run 100x better.

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