

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Our city faces a critical infrastructure crisis. Our streets rank among the nation's deadliest, and the condition of our public infrastructure is unacceptable and getting worse. We need real systemic change—both a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program and a strong Director of Public Works to drive coordination and ensure accountability. Additionally, I believe we should invest significantly in our Parks Department to expand access across the city. To achieve meaningful progress, we must eliminate Charter Section 580, which unnecessarily restricts our flexibility and prevents Council from reallocating responsibilities between departments without direct voter approval. I support the Charter Commission's Recommendations such as the Citywide CIP which would embed capital planning into our budget process, bringing the transparency and efficiency our infrastructure delivery desperately needs. Currently, no single person is accountable for LA's infrastructure—responsibility is scattered across at least 10 different general managers and board members. We need a Director of Public Works with real authority and accountability to oversee the department, manage our various bureaus, coordinate the CIP, and create a clear chain of command. The Board of Public Works, as it exists today, is an outdated structure from a century ago. We need modern, centralized management for the size and population of our city. Los Angeles has some of the worst park access of any major American city. Doubling the Parks budget is an essential investment. The Council should remove Section 580 as it would allow future administrations to shift duties between Public Works and other departments based on operational efficiency—without requiring direct voter approval. Currently, something as straightforward as giving LADOT responsibility for street repaving and sidewalk repair would demand a charter amendment. Finally, we should eliminate Section 507, which gives each bureau of public works its own Chief Administrative Officer. This structure reinforces silos instead of fostering the unified, collaborative organization we need.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Public parks are important spaces for both wildlife and the community. Building housing on this land would destroy natural habitats and force animals to lose the environment they depend on. Protecting these green spaces is important for maintaining the balance of nature in our area. The park is also widely used by members of the community for exercise, relaxation, and spending time with family. Many people rely on this space to improve their mental and physical well-being. Removing public parkland would take away an important resource that benefits people of all ages. While I understand the need for additional housing, I believe it should not come at the cost of losing valuable public green space. I respectfully ask that alternative locations be considered for development. Thank you.