

Communication from Public

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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: 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 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: 4. 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, Karina Hernandez North Hollywood, 91602

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Comments for Public Posting: 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. Parks matter to me because of the lack of green space in my neighborhood of Highland Park. We already have San Pascual Park at risk of being taken by South Pasadena and Pasadena. Our Los Angeles parks deserve better. 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. This 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.