

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke Smith

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 03:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: We live among bountiful natural resources: great weather most of the year, abundant sunshine, oceans, mountains, deserts, micro-climates, vast variety of flora, and more. With all of these advantages, there is no good reason why LA should place 93/100 on the Trust for Public Land's ParkScore ranking (<https://www.tpl.org/parkscore>). Access to open space and parks is important. I support increasing the budget for the Department of Recreation and Parks by more than is included in the current Charter Reform package.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Feldman

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 12:49 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I support an increase in funding for Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department. I would actually like to see the budget for Rec and Parks increased even more than what is being proposed. Access to outdoor recreational spaces that offer the chance to experience a natural environment are critical for both understanding the world and attaining our best quality of life. Please give present and future generations a better Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Feldman

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 01:10 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I support dedicating at minimum 2% of the city's annual budget to the Department of Public Works for infrastructure development and maintenance. It is ridiculous and dangerous that there is a 10 YEAR WAIT for sidewalk repairs throughout the city and that trees on city properties (i.e. parkways) are not managed properly (pruned, trimmed and replaced as needed). We also need better roads, etc.

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Name: Laurie Feldman

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support expanding the LA City Council to 25 members to improve representation and constituent services.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Feldman

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 01:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support all of the Police Accountability revisions included in the Charter Commission's Report. The City Council MUST have policy authority over the LAPD and must be able to prevail over the Police Commission when needed. The Chief of Police must have the authority to pursue removal of officers with documented, repeated misconduct. LAPD must be required to protect protest and First Amendment rights of all persons in order to protect our constitutional rights. I have been appalled over the last year to witness the City Council passing motions regarding LAPD interaction with Department of Homeland Security personnel only to have the Chief of Police publicly reject that authority and refuse to enforce the authority of our city leaders. That must stop.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Rudisill

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 11:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support increased funding in the City Charter for the City's Recreation and Parks Department budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas L. Hyatt

Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 11:06 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am very much in favor of this Charter Reform Recommendation. Our parks are extremely important to his city and always need to be maintained. Not simply Griffith Park but particularly the smaller neighborhood parks. I highly encourage the passing of this reform.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Johnson, State Lands Commission
Date Submitted: 06/25/2026 04:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0489
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see the attached letter from State Lands Commission staff regarding charter amendments related to the Port of Los Angeles pursuant to Motions 67C and 67G. Thank you.



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Submitted via Council File 26-0489

File Ref.: G05-04

City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Proposed Charter Amendments – Port of Los Angeles

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

California State Lands Commission (Commission) staff is aware that the City of Los Angeles is preparing amendments for its City Charter or Municipal Code related to its granted tide and submerged lands, which form the City's Harbor District and include the Port of Los Angeles. We previously sent letters to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee and the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on the proposed amendments. These amendments were proposed through Councilmember McOskey's Motion 67C (requiring the public access investment plan) and Motion 67G (requiring a workforce impact disclosure).

The City's management of its granted lands, whether through the Board of Harbor Commissioners or through the City Council, must comply with the City's duties as the State's grantee. The Legislature granted the City of Los Angeles, in trust, filled and unfilled sovereign public trust lands pursuant to Chapter 656, Statutes of 1911, and Chapter 651, Statutes of 1928, as amended. Under the City's granting statutes and the Public Trust Doctrine, land use decisions for the City's granted lands must be made to further the interests of the statewide public. (Public Resources Code sections 6009, subdivision (d); see, e.g., *City of Long Beach v. Morse* (1947) 31 Cal.2d 254, 262.) As grantee, the City also has fiduciary duties to the State. (Public Resources Code section 6009.1.) The State Lands Commission is statutorily required to oversee the City's management of sovereign public trust lands and assets. (Public Resources Code §6301; *State of California ex rel. State Lands Commission v. County of Orange* (1982) 134 Cal App. 3d 20, 23.)

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Commission staff appreciates that Motion 67C explicitly confirms that the public access investment policy must be consistent with the State Tidelands Trust. To avoid inadvertent confusion over the effect of Motion 67G's workforce impact disclosure requirement, staff encourages the City to also explicitly confirm that, regardless of any required workforce impact disclosure, the Board of Harbor Commissioners must comply with the City's duty to act in the statewide public's best interests, and not purely local interests, when managing granted tide and submerged lands. (See Public Resources Code sections 6009, subdivision (d).)

Commission staff are happy to help address any questions the City may have regarding the requirements of its granting statutes or the Public Trust Doctrine, or to otherwise assist with navigating these requirements. Please contact Jeff Plovnick, Granted Lands Management Specialist, at Jeffrey.Plovnick@slc.ca.gov, or Benjamin Johnson, Staff Attorney, at Benjamin.Johnson@slc.ca.gov, to coordinate on providing such assistance.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Executive Officer, State Lands Commission