

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers, Public trust in the Board of Police Commissioners is already fragile due to repeated civil rights violations committed by the Los Angeles Police Department. At such a moment, it is deeply inappropriate for Mayor Karen Bass to appoint a new Commissioner without first addressing the structural issues that have undermined the Board's legitimacy. The Board of Police Commissioners has failed in its constitutional duty to represent the public's interests. Its members operate under the influence of both the Mayor's office and the LAPD, leaving them without the independence necessary to effectively oversee the very department they are meant to hold accountable. This lack of autonomy has eroded public confidence and weakened civilian oversight. It is not the right time for the Mayor to make any appointment to the Commission unless meaningful charter reform is undertaken. The people of Los Angeles deserve a transparent, democratic process that ensures true independence and accountability. Let the people decide.