

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I appreciate the appointment of Dena Bloom to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission by City Attorney Hydee Feldstien-Soto. I respectfully hope the Ethics Commission will be strengthened and empowered to fulfill its responsibilities effectively. In particular, I would like the Commission to have the authority and protections necessary to perform its duties independently, without fear of retaliation from elected officials. I also hope Ms. Bloom will bring a constructive new perspective and enhanced understanding to the Commission's work. Finally, I urge the City to ensure that the Ethics Commission has the resources and staffing needed to prevent and address corruption proactively. A well-resourced, independent ethics function is essential to maintaining public confidence and ensuring local government operates with integrity. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Lionel Mares, MPA