

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles appreciates the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Reform (“Committee”). Your decision to recommend the creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission was a vital step in restoring the trust of Angelinos in their city government. We look forward to the formation of a Charter Commission that will periodically review the City Charter to ensure it meets LA’s ongoing needs. One aspect of that is to strengthen the independence and power of the Ethics Commission. The Committee first addressed the issue in October, 2022, but no action was taken. Thirteen months later, during the November 30, 2023 meeting, the League commented that the Motion to put Ethics Reform on the ballot had already been languishing for 13 months (Council File 22-1232). We recall that the Committee assured the public that it would take up the issue after the first of the year. It is now nearly March, 2024, and the Motion has languished unheard for 16 months. Los Angeles residents have spoken loudly and clearly on the need for immediate change, and the ball is squarely in your court. Despite the delay, however, there is still time to add Ethics Reform on the November 2024 ballot. But the clock is ticking. We respectfully ask the Committee to attend to this matter without delay. Thank you for considering our request.