



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
PAUL KREKORIAN
COUNCIL MEMBER, SECOND DISTRICT

June 27, 2024

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Appointment of Robert Stern to Ethics Commission

Dear Councilmembers,

As provided by Section 700 (b) of the Los Angeles City Charter, I am naming Robert Stern to serve as the my appointee to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

Mr. Stern is a nationally recognized expert in the fields of campaign finance and government reform. A graduate of Stanford Law School, he was a principal co-author of the Political Reform Act of 1974, and a principal drafter of our City's Ethics and Public Campaign Financing law, passed by Los Angeles voters in 1990. He was the first general counsel of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the agency in charge of administering California's campaign disclosure, ethics and lobbying laws.

He is a past President of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, an organization consisting of state, federal, Canadian and local agencies that regulate election, campaign finance, ethics and lobbying laws, and for nearly 30 years he served as President of the Center for Governmental Studies. He is the co-author of numerous books, including the Center's *Democracy by Initiative: Shaping California's Fourth Branch of Government*. He is eminently qualified to serve on our City Ethics Commission.

I expect that we will vote on this nomination at our meeting on Tuesday, July 2. Please let me know if you would like to speak with Mr. Stern before that.

Very truly yours,

Paul Krekorian
President, Los Angeles City Council