

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kaya Foster

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Kaya Foster, I'm a life-long Angeleno residing in councilmember Park's district. I'm writing in support of a motion to study the feasibility of establishing a Democracy Vouchers program in Los Angeles. I'm trained in behavioral science and write for a behavioral science publication analyzing public policy, and I had the opportunity to write an article about Democracy Vouchers last fall. In order to do that I had to deeply review the empirical evidence coming out of Seattle over the last few election cycles, and I am very compelled by what Democracy Vouchers has already proven to make possible there. I'm most stricken by the substantial increases in civic engagement - how Democracy Vouchers substantially increased voter turnout among even irregular voters. The Seattle government conducted a survey on how vouchers impacted people's attitudes towards the democratic process, and the vast majority of respondents expressed that they felt more confident about their ability to compete with other political and financial influences, and that they felt encouraged to engage with campaigns for local office. The benefits of this policy are numerous, and a feasibility study is a great way to learn more about it. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Kim

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Our city and people desperately need something like Democracy Vouchers to fight against the corporate/big money influence of our local LA politics. Implementing something like Democracy Vouchers will also increase civic engagement and help to elect individuals who have broad and powerful support by the people. Please pass this bill in committee, so that all of our City Councilmembers can vote on this.