



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

April 3, 2024

Re: Charter Reform Commission Recommendations 23-1027

Dear Committee Members,

At the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, I made several proposals regarding a Charter Reform Commission. For your ease of reference, I am restating them as follows:

1. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance establishing a Charter Reform Commission, as follows:
  - a. The scope of the Charter Commission will be to review the entirety of the City's Charter and will include specific sections and issues as referred to them by the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform and the Council.
  - b. The Commission will have 13 members.
  - c. The appointment process will take place in two phases. In Phase I, the Mayor will appoint four members, the Council President will appoint four members, and two members will be elected from our Neighborhood Councils in an election process to be established by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. In Phase II, the 10 appointed members will launch an application process and develop criteria for selecting three additional members, who will balance the commission in terms of geography, diversity, expertise, etc. The final three appointments will be subject to Council approval.
  - d. The executive director of the Charter Reform Commission will be appointed by the Mayor and Council President.
  - e. The Charter Reform Commission and its staff will be assisted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), City Clerk, and City Attorney as needed.
2. Instruct the CLA and CAO to include a line item for a Charter Reform Commission and staffing needs in the 2024-2025 budget.

3. Instruct the CLA to update Table 1 in the CLA report dated January 22, 2024 to reflect the deadlines for the November 2026 general election.
4. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to establish a Charter Reform Commission that will be created every decade, with a timeline that would allow for a measure to be placed on the ballot every year ending in the number six. The Council may direct the Commission to conduct a full review, limited review, or no review.

Time is of the essence in moving forward with the creation of the Commission. The charter reform process must be thoughtful and include very robust input from the public, and that process will take substantial time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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President, Los Angeles City Council

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