

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM (COMMITTEE) REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a Charter Reform Commission; and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report relative to Charter Reform Commission schedule and deadlines.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the Schedule, attached to the CLA report dated June 12, 2024, attached to the Council file, regarding the Charter Reform Commission deadlines for the November 2026 general election.
2. AMEND the following Sections of the Draft Ordinance, dated June 7, 2024, relative to adding provisions to the Los Angeles Administrative Code related to the establishment of a Charter Reform Commission for the City of Los Angeles, attached to the Council file, to read as follows:
 - a. **Section 8.332.b Commissioner Selection and Removal (b)** The initial eight members of the Commission shall establish an application process and develop criteria for the appointment of five additional members of the Commission. These appointments shall be made at a public meeting by a two-thirds vote of the eight initial commissioners and shall be subject to the approval of the City Council. The Commission shall endeavor to ensure that the Commission reflects the City's overall diversity, including its racial, ethnic, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, income, professional, and geographic diversity. However, formulas and ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.
 - b. Create a new subsection in **Section 8.332 Commissioner Selection and Removal** which includes the following eligibility requirements:
 - i. No Commissioner selected in the processes outlined in subsections (a) and (b) shall: be a registered lobbyist; have made a donation in the past four years to their appointing authority; be a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, or in-law of any appointing or confirming authority; have an ownership interest in a business (other than stock in a publicly traded company) that contracts with or seeks discretionary approvals from the City or personally provide compensated services to the City under a contract; serve in an elective City office (service on a board of a Neighborhood Council shall not disqualify a person from serving on the Commission).
 - c. **Section 8.332.c Commissioner Selection and Removal (c)** A member of the Commission who is appointed by the Mayor, Council President, or Council President Pro Tempore under Subsection (a) may be removed by the appointing authority with Council confirmation. A member of the Commission who is appointed under Subsection b) may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Commission with Council confirmation.
 - d. **Section 8.333.f Commission Administration, Personnel, and Outreach (f)** Prior to the commencement of its review of the City Charter, the Commission shall develop and transmit to the City Council an Outreach Engagement Plan to ensure the participation of a wide variety of individuals and organizations in the Commission's review of the City Charter, including community based organizations, labor organizations, business advocacy organizations, community councils, parent centers, faith-based community groups, local non-profit organizations, and other community groups. The Outreach and Engagement Plan should include a plan for some meetings to be held in the evening after 6pm and for some meetings to be held on the weekend, provide guidelines for live translation in certain languages, and require five day notice of meetings to the extent practicable. The Outreach and Engagement Plan shall include a town hall event in each

Council District and provide outreach and presentation materials available in multiple languages. The City Council may provide direction to the Commission regarding the elements of the Outreach and Engagement Plan.

- e. **Section 8.335.b Commission Term and Periodic Review (b)** A new Charter Review Commission shall be established no less frequently than every ten years. Appointments to the Commission shall be made no later than in every year ending in the number four so that the Commission may develop Charter proposals in time to be submitted to the voters at an election held in a year ending in the number six. The City Council shall have the authority to direct the Commission to conduct a full review or a limited review, of the City Charter. Prior to the commencement of any full or limited review, the Commission shall develop and transmit to the City Council, for the City Council's approval, an updated Outreach and Engagement Plan as described in Section 8.333.

- 2. REQUEST the City Attorney to transmit an updated Ordinance incorporating the amendments made by the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, so that the Council may deliberate and adopt the revised documents.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CLA nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its special meeting held on June 14, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform considered a City Attorney report and draft Ordinance regarding establishing a Charter Reform Commission; and CLA report relative to Charter Reform Commission schedule and deadlines.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee made a couple of amendments to the draft Ordinance, and approved those amended recommendations, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN	YES
RAMAN	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	ABSENT
HUTT	YES
HERNANDEZ	YES
PARK	YES

AS 6/14/20/24

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