



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
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80.		Favor	Ann Dorsey	
			Christine M Harris	Please add to the Charter Amendment that the Board of Supervisors should give direction to LA County Registrar Dean Logan to come back with a report on how the County could implement RCV for County elections and elections run by the County on behalf of local government agencies. By moving to a single PRCV general election and eliminating the two round, contingent run-off system in Los Angeles, it would place the choice of who represents Los Angeles before the greatest and most diverse number of voters, compared to lower-turnout and less diverse primaries.
			Cipra Nemeth	
			Hector Ramirez	
			helen eigenberg	Los Angeles County's form of government has not changed since 1912 when the population was 500,000, before women even had the right to vote. Today, the same number of elected supervisors serve the most populous county in the nation with each serving two million constituents--larger than some states. By reforming the County Charter, we have the opportunity to create a governance model that is more effective, representative, and accountable to Angelenos. We have the opportunity to make LA county better represented for all Angelenos!
Jerry Gaines	Jerry Gaines, Former Appointed Charter Reform Commissioner, City of Los Angeles			



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80.		Favor	Jodi Chen	<p>I am writing in support of this Charter reform proposal, which is crucial for enhancing representation and accountability within our diverse communities.</p> <p>By increasing the number of elected officials, each community will have a representative who truly understands their unique needs and challenges. This change will foster a more inclusive and responsive government, better equipped to address the specific concerns of its constituents.</p> <p>Good governance is marked by accountability to the people. With more elected representatives, officials will be directly answerable to the communities they serve. This will not only strengthen the trust between the government and its citizens but also enhance the effectiveness of our leadership in addressing local issues.</p> <p>I also want to express my appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for demonstrating real leadership by putting forth this proposal. Their willingness to share their powers shows a commendable commitment to the principles of representation and accountability.</p> <p>I urge the county government to place this Charter reform on the November ballot to allow LA County residents to voice their support for a more representative and accountable governance structure.</p>
			Jonathan Chang	I support this amendment to the County charter. Los Angeles County has too many people to be represented by so few individuals. The continued corruption scandals involving former County and City of Los Angeles officials make it clear that there need to be an independent ethics commissions and additional checks and oversights for public officials.
			Mariko Kahn	This is an important proposal. With over ten million people in LA County, it is time to have more equitable representation by increasing the number of supervisors. I am very much in favor of this proposal.
		Oppose	Guadalupe Gracian	
		Imelda Rodriguez		
		Isis Hernandez		
		jessica gracian		
		Joselias Gracian		
		Pavel G Rivera		
		Silvia Barajas		

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80.		Other	Mike Feinstein	Recommendation that all Board of Supervisor seats be elected by ranked-choice voting (RCV) and that Board give direction now to County Registrar of Voters to return with RCV implementation options, so that new Charter Review Commission can be so informed, and then focus on compare and contrast of RCV vs County's current out-dated two-round contingent runoff system.
		Item Total	17	
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LA County Board of Supervisors expansion and ranked-choice voting

July 22, 2024

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

I am a former Santa Monica City Council member and Mayor, writing to you on behalf of the Green Party of Los Angeles County (GPLAC).

Our position is that (i) the LA County Board of Supervisors would ideally be expanded to 13 members, (ii) our low end of an acceptable increase is to nine members — and that (iii) the goals of broader and deeper representation on the Board for the people of LA County will be best achieved by electing all Board seats by ranked choice voting (RCV), compared to the two-round contingent runoff system you use today.

For this reason, we believe your next phase on Charter Review should include a full evaluation of the advantages of electing Board members in single RCV general elections, compared to the two-round contingent runoff system you use today.

Since the [ordinance before](#) you on July 23 would establish a Charter Review Commission — and presumably an initial proper evaluation of RCV to elect the Board would occur there, **we strongly recommend that the Board give direction now to the LA County Registrar of Voters to prepare a report on options to implement RCV for Board elections.** In that way, the Charter Review Commission can focus on a comprehensive ‘compare and contrast’ evaluation of RCV elections vs. the county’s contingent two-round runoff system, instead of wondering ‘if, when and how’ it would be possible to implement such a system in time for use when the number of Board members is expanded in 2032.

Additionally, because a growing number of LA County cities are already interested in exploring using RCV for their own elections — and those cities contract with the County to conduct those elections, the Board would be doing the responsible thing now to respond to that interest by ensuring it has all the facts on ‘how and when’ RCV could be implemented for use by local governments in the County.

Finally, before your second reading on this ordinance on August 6, the GPLAC will provide you will a list of benefits we believe that use of RCV would provide for County elections. Until then, we want to emphasize how important it is for you to give direction now to the County Registrar of Voters to return with a report on RCV implementation options, in order to best inform the next stage of your Charter Review process.

Sincerely,

Mike Feinstein
Secretary, Green Party of Los Angeles County