



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

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Correspondence Received

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:						
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments		
17.	19	Favor	Byron Jose	We look forward to ensuring community engagement in this process and the representation of constituents with lived experiences as part of this task force.		
			colin campbell	Kamalacare		
			Jerry Gaines	Includes key criteria for a representative and dedicated task force to meet the objectives of Measure G.		
		Oppose	Ann Alvarez			
			Quan Rob	Oppose Item 17. Item 19 better represents the broader interests of labor as a whole, and ensures other essential voices are included. Item 17 includes worthwhile recommendations for extended notice and removal procedures that should be considered by the board as it considers Item 19.		
			RepresentUs Los Angeles	RepresentUs Los Angeles is a grassroots anti-corruption organization. Our members live and vote in districts across LA County. We thoroughly support Measure G and are excited to move forward with its historic changes. While we appreciate Supervisor Mitchell's motion in this area, our membership feels Agenda Item 19 will be a better fit for the long term future of LA.		
		Other	Aaron Robertson	The OUR LA coalition and aligned community partners urge the Board of Supervisors to observe the attached principles when making decisions about Measure G implementation.		
			Jerry Gaines	Revise comments to note GATF selection is noted in Agenda 19 as direct board oversight for a 13-member task force in placing members to it, rather than each board member selecting two members on their own for a 15 member task force and allowing approved members select the remaining five seats to be filled. I favor Agenda 19 here as a more orderly method assuming the application process is carefully designed reflecting issues noted in both Agenda 17 and 19. Jerry Gaines, Former Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commissioner		
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19.		Favor	Adam Magdaleno	Hello board supervisors, I am writing in favor of Item 19 on the agenda because I believe that the people of Los Angeles County need a working class democracy. We need an independent ethics commission and more seats on the board of supervisors. 5 people just isn't enough to proportionally represent the people of Los Angeles County. Making big reforms like this will be difficult to do in congress, but we can still make a change here in our local governments. That's why I also supported the ballot measures for the City of Los Angeles Measure DD and Measure LL for the LAUSD school board, and I'm glad that those measures passed as well. Measure G isn't perfect, no proposed reform is, but it's an important step in the right direction. People won't feel the need to vote if they think that their vote doesn't matter, it's time that we proportionally represent the many diverse people that live in the county and we can do that by having more county supervisors serving on the board from historically marginalized backgrounds and communities. I am looking forward to seeing this vision realized with my city council in Los Angeles and with the county board of supervisors.



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19.		Favor	Alicia M Weintraub	<p>Honorable Chair Horvath and Members of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing as the Mayor for the City of Calabasas to express my strong support for Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis's motion to initiate the implementation of Measure G. This measure represents a monumental achievement, and I want to acknowledge the tremendous dedication and collaborative efforts of everyone who made this progress possible.</p> <p>Measure G is a testament to what we can accomplish when we come together to pursue meaningful change. It reflects our collective commitment to fostering a more inclusive, transparent, and accountable government—one that truly represents and serves the diverse communities of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>I am particularly excited to see the transformative elements of Measure G come to life, including the expansion of the Board of Supervisors, the establishment of an independent Ethics Commission, and the creation of an elected County Executive. These reforms are a critical step toward building a government that better addresses the needs and aspirations of its residents.</p> <p>This is an important moment for Los Angeles County, and I look forward to staying engaged with the Governance Implementation Task Force as these initiatives are carried out. I deeply appreciate your leadership and commitment to turning this vision into reality.</p> <p>Thank you for supporting this important effort to create a stronger, more responsive Los Angeles County. Alicia Weintraub Mayor City of Calabasas</p>
			Brian Cameron	
			Deborah Rubenacker	
			Gabriela Eddy	



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19.		Favor	Hector Ramirez	<p>Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis thank you for championing this motion that supports the proposed Los Angeles County Charter amendment. This measure offers critical reforms to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of our County government.</p> <p>The establishment of an elected County Executive position would introduce a much-needed separation of powers, ensuring checks and balances within the County's governance structure. Expanding the Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9 members would promote broader representation and better serve the diverse needs of our communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, the creation of an independent Ethics Commission promises to foster greater transparency and ethical conduct within our government. This, along with the requirement for County departments to present their budgets in open, public meetings, marks a significant step towards a more open and accountable government.</p> <p>I believe that this Charter amendment is essential to modernizing Los Angeles County's governance structure and ensuring that it is truly representative, accountable, and transparent. I urge all voters to join me in supporting this critical measure.</p> <p>I, along with the other residents of Los Angeles County urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to vote yes on Item 19.</p>
			Jared Moreno	
			Jason Sugars	
			Jerry Gaines	<p>Revised draft incorporating key features of agenda 17. Respects unincorporated portions needed service. Selection of task force members all subject to the application process whether selected by supervisors or appointed at-large remaining vacancies.</p> <p>Jerry Gaines, Former Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commissioner</p>
			Jerry Gaines	Well drafted action plan to achieve the goals of Measure G.
			Kerry C Chhay	
			Kristian M Huling	Please see attached letter on behalf of SEIU 721 President and Executive Director David Green
			Quan Rob	
			Quan Rob	<p>[Resubmitting because you are not uploading attachments, apparently]</p> <p>To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors From: California Clean Money Campaign, Los Angeles for Democracy</p>



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Date: November 25th, 2024

Re: Measure G - Items #17 & 19

Strong Support for Item #19 - Horvath/Solis Measure G Implementation
Motion

While we appreciate some of the concepts contained in both items 17 and 19, we write to express our strong preference for the motion presented by Supervisors Horvath and Solis. Their proposed reform task force represents labor in a more comprehensive manner, offers a more balanced inclusion of all voices needed in this conversation, and is tailored to ensure a more productive implementation of Measure G.

We respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. Campaign Finance Database: The most significant and transformative charter reforms contained in Measure G will not be implemented until 2028 and 2032. Our current campaign finance database is decades out of date, leaving members of the public sifting through PDFs. While many details of the ethics commission will likely require returning to voters in 2026, the creation of a modern day database presents an ideal first target. The Board of Supervisors should request the County Registrar provide a report on the status of its move towards a modern database, estimated timeline for completion, and the feasibility of implementing a partial¹ database within the next 12-14 months.
2. Notice Requirements: Enhanced notice requirements ensure the public, and the reform task force members, have more time to prepare for meetings and generate turnout. The reform task force should be required to offer at least 7 days notice for all meetings, and 14 days notice for any meeting held outside of the task force's regular meeting location.
3. Removal Powers: There are many options² available but we believe no single individual should have authority to remove a commissioner, and some sort of process for removal is required to ensure commissioners can operate with appropriate independence and accountability.
4. Ethics Representation: We appreciate the requirement that the task force contain "an individual with significant experience or knowledge in public sector ethics," but this is a 13 member task force. There is no aspect of Measure G that needs more work or attention than the establishment of an independent ethics commission, and we believe it would be appropriate to require at least two of the task force members to have significant ethics experience.

Lastly, in 2023 the board approved a different motion³ seeking to explore county governance reform.

Some components of that motion made their way into Measure G. Many others, like the potential public financing of elections, did not. We ask the board to consider that motion at a future meeting, and determine if it intends to advance that process or direct any of those matters to the reform task force.

¹ We understand a comprehensive database, including lobbying information and/or past elections, may take additional time but hope to see a database



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			<p>that at least covers the 2026 ballot (campaign committees for supervisor/countywide office, independent expenditure committees, and ballot measure committees).</p> <p>2 Item #17 suggests members should only be removed for cause, and by a vote of the task force. Regardless of whether or not cause is required, we believe it is important that no single individual have removal powers, and removal of a task force member should require approval from either the task force, the board, or both.</p> <p>3 Mitchell-Horvath Motion 2023: file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/177711.pdf</p>
		<p>RepresentUs Los Angeles</p>	<p>RepresentUs Los Angeles is a grassroots anti-corruption organization. Our members live and vote in districts across LA County. We thoroughly support Measure G and are excited to move forward with its historic changes. We feel the composition of the reform task force in Agenda Item 19 is the best fit for LA.</p>
		<p>Robert M Saltzman</p>	<p>Please see my uploaded letter in support of the motion by Chair Horvath and Supervisor Solis. Thank you.</p>
		<p>Sean E McMorris</p>	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of California Common Cause, a nonprofit, nonpartisan good government organization established over 50 years ago to support pro-democracy reforms that increase public participation and accountability in government. We are hopeful that Measure G will serve these goals. However, the details of each reform matter, and as you know on Measure G the details have yet to be decided. This makes hashing out and implementing of those details crucial to Measure G's success, and to LA County residents' faith in the reform measures that this Board advances.</p> <p>Thus, it is essential that the Governance Reform Task Force (GRTF) that is entrusted with guiding the implementation of Measure G be independent, highly capable, representative of LA County's diversity, and free from undue political influence and special interest bias.</p> <p>California Common Cause believes the Horvath-Solis Motion (Agenda Item #19) best facilitates this ideal, and we support it. That said, we highly recommend adding a clause to the motion that GRTF members may only be removed for cause and by GRTF action.</p> <p>In closing, we look forward to working with the Supervisors, GRTF, and the community to establish meaningful reforms that fulfill Measure G's promise of increased representation, public trust, and accountability in Los Angeles County government.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sean McMorris Transparency, Ethics, & Accountability Program Manager California Common Cause</p>

				smcmorris@commoncause.org
		Other	Aaron Robertson	The OUR LA coalition and aligned community partners urge the Board of Supervisors to observe the attached principles when making decisions about Measure G implementation.
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