



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:30 AM

11. Implementing Los Angeles County's First Ethics Commission

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Horvath: Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board, Auditor-Controller, and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to identify positions and funding in their budgets that currently perform ethics related duties and provide that information to the Chief Executive Office within 14 days. Direct County Counsel to identify positions and funding in its budget that currently perform ethics related duties and provide that information to the Chief Executive Office within 14 days, to assist the Chief Executive Office with allocating the funding necessary to implement section 11.69.50 of the Governance Reform Task Force's (GRTF's) proposed draft ordinance if the charter amendment referenced in Directive 4 is adopted by the voters. Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to review the GRTF's report, receive the information from Directive 1 from the Executive Officer of the Board, Auditor-Controller, and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and allocate the funding necessary to implement the first phase of the Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget, so they can be established in 2026, as required by Measure G. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer to:

Begin the recruitment process to establish an independent Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance.

Hire one or more consultants to assist in establishing the Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance.

Direct County Counsel to take the following actions:

Draft an ordinance establishing the Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance that is consistent with the best practices recommendations included in the GRTF's proposed charter language to the greatest extent possible, while remaining in compliance with the County Charter as

currently written, and place the draft ordinance on the June 30, 2026 Board agenda for the Board's consideration. The ordinance shall reflect the changes to the makeup of the members of the Ethics Commission as outlined in Directive 5 (b) of this motion. The ordinance shall also include a requirement that the nominees provided by the GRTF, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Assessor, District Attorney, and Sheriff, shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors within 45 days of the effective date of the ordinance.

Draft an ordinance to place a charter amendment on the November 2026 ballot as recommended by the GRTF, and place the draft ordinance on a future Board agenda for the Board's consideration with the following changes to the GRTF's proposed draft ordinance:

Replace section 11.67.00 (c) (1) (D) with "The Sheriff shall nominate one (1) member."

Add section 11.67.00 (c) (1) (E) with "The District Attorney shall nominate one (1) member."

Add a section 11.67.00 (c) (1) (F) with "The Commission shall nominate the remaining two members at a public meeting following a public recruitment and application process, which should include outreach to communities that are underrepresented in the County's political process. The Commission's nominees shall be broadly representative of the general public and at least one member nominated by the Commission shall be a resident of an unincorporated area. The appointing authorities shall value lived experience, community leadership, traditional and non-traditional expertise, and working class accessibility. A member of the Commission shall not communicate with a County elected official, or an agent of a County elected official, about whom the Commission should nominate to serve on the Commission, except that a County elected official or agent of a County elected official may provide comment on potential nominees at a Commission meeting. A Commission-nominated member may vote to nominate their successor.

Replace section 11.67.00 (d) (2) (B) with "The term of the members nominated by the District Attorney and Sheriff shall expire on June 30, 2028."

Conduct an analysis of GRTF's recommendation regarding an amendment to California Government Code §3203 and report back with a publicly

available written report to the Board within 90 days.

Vanessa Perez, Jeremy Payne, Janet Asante, Byron Jose, Mya Hendrix, Megan, Lindsay Shaqelkerni, Roy Humphreys, Toni Patients, John Erickson, Perry Goldberg, Derek Steele, Holly Alsoft, Meron Shita, Marcella Rosen, and other interested persons addressed the Board. Interested person(s) also submitted written testimony.

Edward Yen, Executive Officer of the Board, Kellie Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer, Joseph M. Nicchitta, Chief Executive Officer, Oscar Valdez, Auditor-Controller, Dawyn Harrison, County Counsel, Peter Bollinger, Assistant County Counsel, and Shante Sylvester, Assistant County Counsel, also responded to questions. Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and Robert Campbell, Assistant Auditor-Controller, were also present.

Dr. Sara Sadhwani, Member, Chair of Public Budget Presentation Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Rosa Soto, Co-Chair, and Nicolas Heidron, Consultant, Governance Reform Task Force, made a presentation and responded to questions posed by the Board.

Supervisor Mitchell made an amendment to Supervisor Horvath's motion to Directive No. 5 as indicated below:

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Supervisor Horvath accepted Supervisor Mitchell’s amendment.

Supervisor Mitchell instructed County Counsel to report back to the Board on whether the issue created by Measure G regarding the elimination of Measure J from the County Code can be addressed through the proposed Charter amendment. (26-2904)

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Mitchell, seconded by Supervisor Horvath, Supervisor Mitchell's motion to amend Supervisor Horvath's motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Mitchell, Supervisor Horvath, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Solis

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Hahn

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Horvath, seconded by Supervisor Mitchell, this item, as amended, was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Mitchell, Supervisor Horvath, Supervisor Hahn, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Solis

Attachments: [Motion by Supervisor Horvath](#)
[Motion by Supervisor Horvath \(Updates Following Cluster\)](#)
[Motion by Supervisor Mitchell](#)
[Executed Document](#)
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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held May 19, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Edward Yen, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

Edward Yen
Executive Officer