

Forum 2 Delivery of City Services

- √ The structure and function of the proprietary departments should be prescribed specifically in the Charter. The standards of excellence must be applied to the proprietary and all other City service departments by the Charter, and enforced by internal mechanisms. The Charter should explicitly include language addressing the efficiency, accountability, accessibility, and quality of public safety services in the City, as well as the use of information technology by the public safety departments.
- √ Proprietary departments, upon their boards' recommendation, may employ retain outside legal counsel upon the consent of the City Attorney.
- √ As part of the process for transfers and/or reimbursements from the proprietary departments to the City's general fund, require a certification that such transfers are consistent with the departments' operating and capital projects plan. The certification must analyze the impact of the transfers on the departments' rates, debt service requirements, borrowing needs, debt income ratio and total debt over at least a five year period.
- √ Require each proprietary department to submit a debt accountability and major capital improvement plan to the Mayor, City Council and City Controller every two years.
- √ Provide that the Los Angeles Port Police shall remain under the independent and autonomous control of the Harbor Department.

Proprietary Departments/ Library Department

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

- √ The Library Commission shall have the responsibility of ensuring that the collection of the libraries are broad and inclusive, that the department strive for the maximum possible dissemination of information, and that the department conduct itself in a professional manner consistent with the standards of the American Library Association and the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
- √ The City shall each year budget appropriate funds for the Library Department to manage and operate the Central Library, branch libraries and other department facilities.
- √ All money received by the Library Department from fines, sales, gifts or otherwise in connection with the operation of the department, shall be placed to the credit of the department in a fund to be known as the library fund. Such fund shall be utilized for no purpose other than to augment the purposes, functions and programs of the department.
- √ Retain the mandatory minimum level of annual funding in the City budget for the Library Department.

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Department of Recreation & Parks/ Public Works

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

- √ All money received by the Department of Recreation and Parks from gifts, fees, rents, royalties, concessions, sales or otherwise in connection with the operation of the department, shall be placed to the credit of the department in a fund to be known as the Recreation and Parks fund. Such fund shall be utilized for no purpose other than to augment the purposes, functions and programs of the department.
- √ Provide for the transfer of the Elysian Park site of the current L.A.P.D. training facility, to the Department of Recreation and Parks, upon the L.A.P.D.'s abandonment of the site.
- √ Continue the concepts and substance of current Charter Sections 170, 171 and 178.1, including a prohibition on the retail sale of gasoline, oil and accessories and providing services to public vehicles, other than at the Pershing Square subterranean parking garage facility.
- √ Provide for a mandatory minimum level of annual funding in the City budget for the Department of Recreation and Parks.

PUBLIC WORKS

- √ The bureaus of the Department of Public Works should not be named in the Charter.
- √ The functions of the Department of Public Works should be named in the Charter, but only in a general manner.
- √ The positions of City Engineer and Secretary to the Board of Public Works should not be included in the Charter. Such positions may however be established by ordinance or through the budget process.
- √ Continue to provide for a five member Board of Public Works.
- √ Provide for a Board of Public Works that will serve full time and be responsible for policy-making and serving as a hearing board. The Board will not be responsible for day-to-day management.
- √ The Department of Public Works shall have a General Manager responsible for day-to-day operations of that department, appointed and removed in the same manner as other non-proprietary or non-enterprise General Managers.

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Public Works/ LAUSD

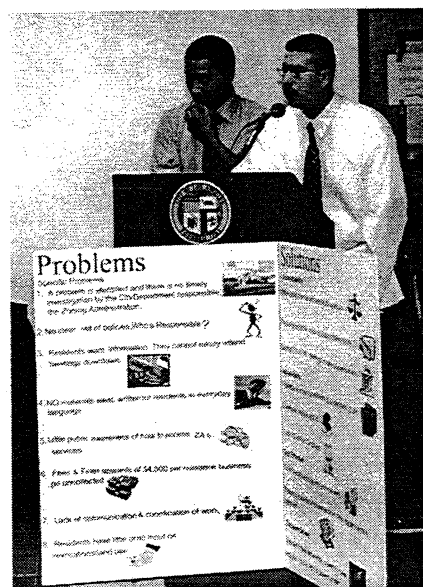
- √ The policy-making role of the Board of Public Works shall include the following:
- (1) Set policy for advertising, receiving and consideration of bids on public works projects.
 - (2) Fix and approve the amount of bond to be given by contractors and determine the time for beginning and completion of work.
 - (3) Approve the awarding of contracts.
 - (4) Conduct hearings relating to the work of the department, including those pertaining to special assessments, as required of and delegated to the board by the Council.
 - (5) Hear appeals and investigate complaints about departmental operations and acts of the General Manager.
 - (6) Inquire on its own initiative into departmental operations and acts of the General Manager or any departmental employee and report findings to the General Manager, Mayor and City Council.
 - (7) Advise and recommend to the General Manager on public works policy matters, including recommendations on approval of general specifications for public works construction projects, change of plan orders involving the additional expenditure of \$5,000.00 or more, and final acceptance of completed public works projects involving a contract cost of at least \$100,000.

(8) Make recommendations about short and long-range public works plans and programs to the General Manager, Mayor and City Council.

- √ The annual compensation for the members of the Board of Public Works shall be established by ordinance.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- √ Continue existing Charter provisions relating to education and the Los Angeles Unified School District subject to possible modification upon consideration of any Committee or Task Force report.



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LAUSD

√ **Include the following criteria to be considered in drawing new district boundaries for the Board of Education:**

- protect communities of interest
- preserve historic and otherwise recognizable neighborhoods
- observe major geographic features
- utilize major physical structures where appropriate
- maintain compact and contiguous districts
- prevent dilution of voting strength of minority groups
- address the needs of areas outside the City
- consider high school attendance areas

√ **Establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the L.A.U.S.D., to draw district boundaries for the Board of Education. The Commission shall be constituted as follows:**

- 3 members appointed by the Board of Education, 1 of whom must be from an area within the L.A.U.S.D. that is outside of the City of Los Angeles
- 2 members appointed by the Council President
- 2 members appointed by the Mayor

√ **Provide that for recall petitions for any Board of Education member, the number of signatures required shall be 25% of the votes cast in the district in the preceding election.**

√ **Apply current Charter provisions for nomination, primary and general elections to elections to the Board of Education.**



Forum 3 Budget and Finance

City Controller

CITY CONTROLLER

- √ Creation of a Department of Finance in the Executive Branch.
 - √ As part of the budget adoption process, within 30 days of the Mayor's submission of a proposed budget, the Controller shall provide the Mayor and City Council with an analysis of the proposed budget's revenue projections.
 - √ Create a City Budget Office, reporting directly to the Mayor, and coordinating all budget preparation, administration and monitoring functions.
 - √ There shall be a City Treasurer who shall be the custodian of all funds deposited in the Treasury of the City, and shall report directly to the Mayor. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Mayor subject in both appointment and removal to City Council confirmation.
 - √ The Treasurer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the membership of the City Council.
 - √ Retain the current time limitations and deadlines with respect to the budget adoption process should be continued, with two changes:
 - (1) There should be a provision for Neighborhood Councils, if such are part of the proposed Charter, to submit their district budget priorities to the Mayor.
 - (2) The Controller should, within 30 days of the Mayor's submission of a proposed budget, provide an analysis of the budget's revenue projections.
- √ Omit any reference to establishing who shall create uniform budget classifications for use in budget estimates and throughout the budget.
 - √ For intra-departmental transfers of appropriated funds (for departments that do not control their own funds), the Mayor shall have the authority to approve such transfers up to a certain amount, without Council approval. For amounts above such threshold level, Council approval would be required. The dollar amount up to which the Mayor would have exclusive authority would be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.
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 - √ The Mayor shall have the authority to approve inter-department transfers of appropriated funds, up to an amount established by Council resolution. Transfers above such established amount shall require approval by the Council.
 - √ Not place a limit on the total amount of debt that the City may incur.

Forum 4 City Council/ Community Councils

City Council

CITY COUNCIL SIZE AND REDISTRICTING

- √ Expand the size of the City Council.
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 - √ Reject establishing a budget ceiling on officeholder and staff expenses.
 - √ Establish a framework for periodic review of the number of Council seats.
 - √ Retain the current timing of City elections.
 - √ Reject maintaining the current process of having no criteria in the Charter with respect to the considerations that should guide the drawing of City Council districts.
 - √ Eliminate the current process of having the City Council control the drawing of new district boundaries.
 - √ Require that an independent body draw new Council boundaries.
 - √ The members of the Independent Redistricting Commission which shall be charged with the responsibility of drawing City Council district boundaries shall be appointed.
- √ The members of the Independent Redistricting Commission shall be appointed in the following manner:
 - 2 by the Mayor
 - 2 by the City Attorney
 - 2 by the City Controller
 - 7 by the City Council
 - √ Appointing authorities for the Independent Redistricting Commission shall seek to achieve a membership that is reflective of the diversity of the City's population.
 - √ Include among the criteria directed to be considered in drawing new City Council district boundaries, the prevention of dilution of the voting strength of minority groups as provided in the 1982 Amendments to the Federal Voting Rights Act.
 - √ The following criteria is to be considered in drawing new City Council district boundaries:
 - *protecting communities of interests
 - * preserving historic and otherwise recognizable neighborhoods
 - * observing major geographical features
 - * utilize major physical structures or features where appropriate
 - * maintain compact and contiguous districts
 - * prevent dilution of voting strength of minority groups

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COMMUNITY COUNCILS

- √ Provide that each neighborhood council/community council be allocated an amount of money to use in purchasing additional capital projects or additional services from the City.
 - √ Provide that neighborhood councils/community councils have a right to submit to the mayor the budget priorities of their respective districts, and the Mayor must include such list of priorities with the transmittal of the executive budget.
 - √ Create a Department of Neighborhoods required to be funded in the City's budget. The department will be responsible for the initial organization of Community Councils, serve as a point of contact and information clearinghouse for the Community Councils to access the City's bureaucracy, and provide a leadership training program for Community Council members, advisory groups and other community leaders.
- √ Provide for a review of the Community Councils system no later than five years after its implementation. The review should be conducted by an independent commission created by the City Council, and composed of members appointed as follows: 1/3 by the Mayor; 1/3 by the City Council; 1/3 by the Community Councils.
 - √ Provide for a "participatory" form of selection for members of community councils where all segments of the communities are represented with members chosen through self-selection and the Department of Neighborhoods prescribing selection process and providing certification to ensure diverse representation. A separate initiative on the ballot will provide the voters with the alternative of replacing self-selection with a system of community councils to be selected by electors.
 - √ The number of community councils will be equal to the number of city council districts.
 - √ Each community council will have seven elected members.
 - √ Community council members will be elected at large and voters will have limited voting powers (vote only for one) to eliminate the potential for slate voting.

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√ Community Councils shall identify community needs and concerns and may hold hearings and make recommendations to appropriate decision makers on **any issues** of concern to the community except in a manner inconsistent with established city policy or other sections of the charter.

√ Establish District Planning Commissions with the following provisions:

- The City shall be divided into not less than five (5) planning districts with boundaries to be drawn by ordinance, in a manner that does not divide Community Planning areas.

- A District Planning Commission shall be created for each district. Five Commissioners, with residency in their respective districts, will be appointed and removed in the same manner as other Commissioners. Meetings will be held within each district at times convenient for residents.

- A City-wide Planning Commission shall address City-wide issues. The clarification of what constitutes a “city-wide” versus “local” issue shall be deferred for subsequent resolution.

- Community Councils will have an advisory role at either District Planning Commissions or the City-wide Planning Commission, depending upon the scope of the issue.

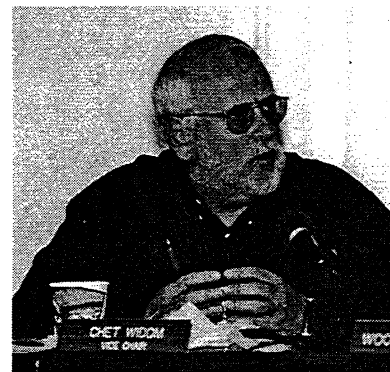
- Appeals shall be made directly from the District or City-wide Planning Commission to the City Council.

- BZA would cease to exist and all appeals would go through the system outlined above.

Community Councils

√ As part of the Charter proposal for a participatory system of Community Councils, the model should be based on the proposal by Council member Joel Wachs and include the following provisions:

- Representation of diverse interests by to be enforced through a Department of Neighborhoods that would certify petitions for Community Councils.
- For certification by the City as a Community Council, the community would have to submit their selection process (showing how it would ensure representation of the diverse interests in the neighborhood community), by-laws, goals, and plans for a communication network that would reach community stakeholders.



- An early warning system that would require that before the City makes a final decision, communities affected would receive notice.
- Boundaries of each community and cluster of communities must respect neighborhood boundaries and planning districts.

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Community Councils

- There should be guaranteed funding for community networks and the Department of Neighborhoods. ✓
 - Community Councils may present an annual list of priorities for inclusion in the City budget. The Mayor shall be required to include them in the annual budget message/presentation to the City Council.
 - The General Manager and Commission for the Department of Neighborhoods will be appointed and removed in the same manner as other non-proprietary departments.
 - Community Councils will be clustered into communities of not greater than 150,000 residents each.
 - A Charter Reform Commission shall reconvene five years after the implementation of this system to consider further changes.
- ✓ Both the participatory system of Community Councils to be included in the proposed Charter, and the alternative ballot choice of Elected Community Councils, shall include the responsibility to monitor delivery of services within their respective district/area communities. This will include the periodic meetings with responsible officials of City departments, and the authority to require the attendance of such officials at such meetings.

Under the elected system of Community Councils to be offered as a ballot alternative, vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the City Council member in the district, for the balance of the term.



Commissioner Profiles



First District
Dr. Gloria Romero

Dr. Gloria Romero is the Assembly-woman-elect (D-49th District). She resigned in November 1998 and was replaced by Richard Macias.



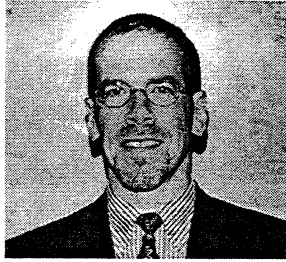
Second District
Anne V. Finn

Anne Finn is a long-time community activist and widow of the late City Councilman Howard Finn.



Third District
Dennis P. Zine

Sergeant Dennis P. Zine is a 30-year veteran of the LAPD and one of the elected Directors of the Police Protective League, the City's police union.



Fourth District
Bill Weinberger

Bill Weinberger is a partner of Selvin, Weiner & Weinberger, LLP and an activist and leader in the legal, Jewish, and lesbian and gay communities.



Fifth District
Erwin Chemerinsky

Erwin Chemerinsky is the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Law at the University of Southern California. He is a lecturer on constitutional law and a television commentator.



Sixth District
Chester A. Widom

Chester A. Widom is a founding partner of WWCOT, an architectural design firm, and former national past president of the American Institute of Architects.



Seventh District
Marcos Castaneda

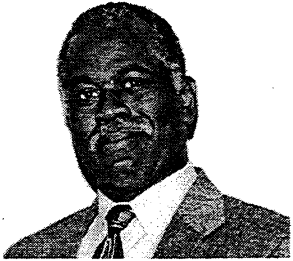
Marcos Castaneda is a longtime City Council staffer and currently a Deputy for City Councilman Richard Alatorre.



Eighth District
Dr. Marguerite Archie-Hudson

Dr. Marguerite Archie-Hudson is a former member of the California State Assembly. She is currently a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Education and a member of the Los Angeles Appointed Charter Reform Commission.

Commissioner Profiles



**Ninth District
Woody Fleming**

Woody Fleming is a Deputy to City Councilwoman Rita Walters and a former labor union executive.



**Tenth District
Jackie Dupont-Walker**

Jackie Dupont-Walker is the president of Ward Economic Development Corporation and a former senior staffer of Rebuild Los Angeles.



**Eleventh District
Rob Glushon**

Rob Glushon is a partner at Richman, Luna, Kichaven & Glushon. He is a former Vice-Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals and a former Field Deputy to City Councilman Marvin Braude.



**Twelfth District
Paula L. Boland**

Paula Boland is a former member of the California State Assembly. She was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to the Narcotic Addict Evaluation Authority.



**Thirteenth District
Bennett Kayser**

Bennett Kayser is a science and health teacher at Washington Irving Middle School. He is a former president of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Homeowners Associations.



**Fourteenth District
Nick Pacheco**

Nick Pacheco is a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles and a longtime community activist.



**Fifteenth District
Janice K. Hahn**

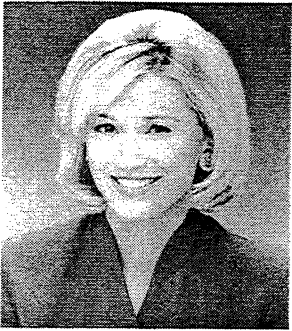
Janice Hahn is a public relations executive at Southern California Edison and a member of a prominent politically active family.



**New Commissioner
First District
Richard Macias**

Richard Macias is a partner of Rivkin, Radler & Kremer, where he specializes in business and government litigation.

Our Moderators



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Terry Anzur is an anchor at KTLA Channel 5 and an Assistant Professor of Journalism at the University of Southern California.

Larry Atterbury

Larry Atterbury is a news reporter for UPN News 13.

Mark Coogan

Mark Coogan is a news reporter for KABC TV.



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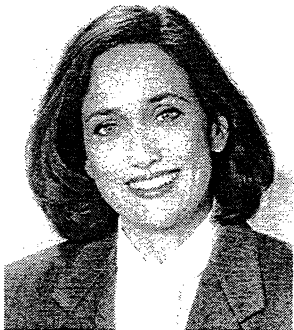
Bob Jimenez is an anchor at KFVB News 98 and a guest host for KCET Channel 28.

Angela Estelle

Angela Estelle is a freelance radio broadcaster.

Dr. Denise Fairchild

Dr. Denise Fairchild is the founder of L.A. Prosper, a public/private partnership, former director of LA LISC, and a community activist.



Sharon Jimenez

Sharon Jimenez is a consultant with Icon Imaging, a former press deputy to City Councilman Nate Holden, and a former television anchor.

Lynn Joy Rogers

Lynn Joy Rogers is the director of the Ron Brown Business Center of the Urban League and a former journalist and radio commentator.

Robert Taylor

Robert Taylor is the President and CEO of Blue Capital, LLC and a former partner of McKenzie & Co., an international consulting firm.



James Matthew Thomas

James Matthew Thomas is the California Regional Organizer of Bread For the World, a non-partisan anti-hunger Christian citizens' movement, and a Christian minister and activist.

Viet Tran

Viet Tran is a staffer at the Elected Charter Reform Commission and a Public Policy major and Student Senator at the University of Southern California.

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Report on the City Attorney's Office

Committee on Improving Financial and Managerial Accountability

Report on Budget and Finance
Report on Proprietary Departments
Report on Debt, Pensions, and Procurement

Committee on Improving the Delivery of City Services

Report on Public Safety
Report on Proprietary Departments

Committee on a More Responsive City Government with an Involved Citizenry

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