



April 9,2021

Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council

On March 16,2021 the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council passed a resolution regarding the Los Angeles City Ethics commission to be elected by the people of the City of Los Angeles and not appointed.

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood council supports the resolution from the Rampart Neighborhood Council presented by Racheal Rose Lucky (President) for the City of Los Angeles ethics commission to be elected by the people of the city of Los Angles and not be appointed to preserve the principles of democracy in our city.

We currently feel that there is too much power in the hands of the Mayor and city council with appointments. We also believe that it is undemocratic to appoint than to elect the people who will approve anything that will affect the great people of the city of Los Angeles.

THEREFORE, we move that the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council take a position to support the letter from the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council for the ethics commission to elected and not appointed to preserve the principles of democracy.

Alejandro Palomino
Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council / President



Resolution Regarding
SUPPORT for the Ethics Commission
to be Elected Positions

March 16, 2021



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The Los Angeles City Mayor is elected by and accountable to the People of Los Angeles however the Ethics Commission is not, and therefore they are beholden to the Mayor and not the people of Los Angeles.

The board of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission is composed of five (5) citizens appointed by the Mayor and accountable only to the Mayor and not the citizens of the city.

As stated on the Ethics Commission's website (www.Ethics.LACity.org):

The Ethics Commission was established by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to help preserve the public trust and foster public confidence in city government and elections.

The Ethics Commission is required by law to administer City and state laws relating to campaign financing, governmental ethics, lobbying, and contracts.

City law requires the Ethics Commission to conduct confidential investigations of and enforce against violations of state and City laws regarding governmental ethics, lobbying, and campaign financing. When a person has violated a law, or aided and abetted another person in committing a violation, the Ethics Commission members may order compliance and assess an administrative monetary penalty.

It is our contention filling these seats by appointment is tantamount to "the fox guarding the henhouse."

Every citizen of the City of Los Angeles is impacted by the Ethics Commission's work and should have a say on who is on the commission.

By making these seats elected positions, we can have a City Hall more in line with the principles of democracy by divesting power currently held by the city's executive office.

THEREFORE I move the RVNC take a position of SUPPORT for the LA City Council to bring forward a motion, and to pass such motion, instructing the LA City Attorney to return, within 30 days of the passage of the motion, with a proposed amendment to the Los Angeles City Charter for the ballot in 2022 to make the members of the Los Angeles Ethics Commission board elected positions as elected by the citizens of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: Rachael Rose Luckey

SECONDED BY: Lara Morrison

YES: 6 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 0 INELIGIBLE: 0

ON THIS DATE: March 16, 2020