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LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass today announced the launch of the Charter Reform Commission application. Mayor Bass is committed to filling the seats of the Commission to prepare for the November 2026 ballot. The deadline to submit the application is March 28, 2025. [CLICK HERE TO APPLY.](#)

"This Commission is a high priority to me, the City Council, and Angelenos who deserve government reform," said **Mayor Karen Bass**. "While I continue the extensive and careful search for the best and most experienced appointees for the job, we are launching this application for Commissioners ready to serve this important Commission. I have been working closely with Council President Harris-Dawson and look forward to having all of the seats filled and to hiring an Executive Director for the Commission in order to prepare for the November 2026 ballot."

"This Commission is about change for Los Angeles. Their work will shape the reforms voters could see on the 2026 ballot—changes that can make our city government more accountable and transparent," said **Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson**.

The Charter Reform Commission was [established](#) by Mayor Bass and the Los Angeles City Council in August 2024. The Commission is tasked with reviewing the City Charter and developing recommendations for amendments and revisions for consideration by the City Council and Mayor. It is a civilian board that will be comprised of 13 Commissioners:

- Four appointed by the Mayor.
- Two appointed by the Council President.
- Two appointed by the Council President Pro Tempore.
- Five appointed by the initial eight members through an application process.

All appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Commission will have the authority to review the entire Charter and also specifically consider changes recommended by the Council. Among the subjects suggested for review are improving the delivery of City services, revising the City's contracting process, revising the City's budgeting process, establishing a consistent procedure for filling vacancies in elected offices, defining the rules for censure and suspension of elected officers, and exploring an increase in the number of Council districts. The Commission's recommendations will be submitted to the City Council in early 2026 for possible inclusion on the November 2026 ballot.

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