

LA County Measure E: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ETHICS COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET ALLOCATION CHARTER AMENDMENT

TYPE: County Supervisors

QUESTION: Shall the measure amending the Los Angeles County Charter to provide greater independence and structure for the County of Los Angeles Ethics Commission as specified in the charter amendment ordinance be adopted?

BACKGROUND: In 2024, LA County voters approved Measure G to make changes to the way the LA County government operates. Measure G significantly changed the structure of LA County government by, among other things, adding an elected County Executive, expanding the County Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9, and creating an independent Ethics Commission. In 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to create the Ethics Commission. The seven-member commission's job will be enforcing ethics laws, conducting investigations and levying penalties for violations. Three members will be appointed by elected officials, with the rest selected through a public application process.

PROPOSAL: A Governance Reform Task Force was created to guide LA County through the implementation of Measure G. The Task Force recommended that the independence of the new Ethics Commission be included in the County charter. Changes to the County charter require voter approval.

In addition to the Ethics Commission, the Board of Supervisors realized that Measure G mistakenly overturned Measure J (2020), which mandates funding for community investment and alternatives to incarceration. So, Measure E on the 2026 ballot will add language to ensure the County does spend money on these issues.

FISCAL IMPACT: Costs for County measures are very difficult to find. However, the changes to be implemented were likely already accrued as part of Measure G (2024).

SUPPORTERS SAY: "Los Angeles County is taking a historic step toward stronger ethics, accountability, and public trust," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. "Establishing the County's first-ever independent Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance—through a unanimous vote of the Board—delivers on the will of the voters and marks a monumental step toward greater transparency and accountability in County government."

OPPONENTS SAY: No opponents can be found.

WHAT DOES MY VOTE MEAN:

A **“YES”** vote means you approve the LA County charter amendment to ensure an independent Ethics Commission and ensure that funding for community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

A **“NO”** vote means you do not approve the LA County charter amendment.