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LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia Nominates Ethics Advocate Jamie York to Los Angeles Ethics Commission

Today, **Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia** announced the nomination of ethics advocate and Neighborhood Council Board Member **Jamie York** to the Los Angeles Ethics Commission. As a member of the Reseda Neighborhood Council, York mobilized a Citywide coalition to support strengthening the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance, which seeks to limit the influence of lobbyists and money in City politics.

“Not only does Jamie have a deep knowledge of City ethics laws, but she has demonstrated her commitment to transparency and accountability by putting in the hard work to make those laws better,” said Controller Mejia.

York was inspired to fight for ethics reforms after her eye-opening experience working as a fundraiser in Los Angeles. “When I worked as a fundraiser in LA City politics, I learned a great deal about how our political system works and for whom it works hardest,” York said. “That is what inspired me to join my neighborhood council and work with ordinary people across our City to make sure that we have a government that serves everyone, regardless of who they know or how much they can spend. That is the mission I will take onto the Ethics Commission as we craft reforms to bring accountability to City Hall.”

“Just as the Controller needs to be an independent watchdog within the City, the Ethics Commission needs to be an independent body that doesn’t answer to the elected officials they’re tasked with monitoring,” said Controller Mejia.

York said, “I know and share the Controller's passion for government transparency and protecting the public interest. I am honored that he has nominated me to carry forward that common mission on the Ethics Commission. Angelenos deserve to have their business carried out in the sunshine of public view, and I will make sure that the people of our City know that I am fighting for their interest, and for a government deserving of their trust.”

Read the February 14, 2023 LA Times editorial that highlights York’s work advocating for stronger City ethics laws:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-02-14/editorial-l-a-is-finally-cracking-down-on-stealth-lobbying>