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The Honorable Herb Wesson  
Council President  
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Re: Council File 16-0093, Department of Water and Power Governance Issues I  
Charter and Administrative Code Amendments for Inclusion in a 2016 Ballot Measure

Dear Council President Herb Wesson:

Attached please find the comments of Los Angeles Water and Power Associates concerning the proposed governance changes at the Department of Water and Power (DWP). Our organization consists of retired managers from the DWP, academics and managers from other municipal utilities. We are a non-profit, independent, private organization incorporated in 1971 to inform and educate our members, public officials and the general public on critical water and energy issues affecting the citizens of Los Angeles, Southern California and the State. As indicated in our comments, while we strongly agree with the need to give the DWP greater independence and the ability to operate more like a business, free of ongoing political interference and the City's bureaucracy, we think the proposed motion before your Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee has some serious flaws which need to be addressed. We would be happy to speak with your Committee or staffs to further explain our comments and recommend approaches that could achieve your objectives without exacerbating the already troubling operating environment the DWP finds itself in today.

Sincerely,



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