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RE: Agenda Item #57, Ordinance and Proclamation Calling for a Special Election to Amend the Charter of the County of Los Angeles

Dear Madame Chair, Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of more than 800,000 working families represented by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO (LA Union), I am writing to express our deep concern regarding Agenda Item #57, the Ordinance and Proclamation Calling for a Special Election to Amend the Charter of the County of Los Angeles.

Although LA Union strongly endorses the spirit of the initiative, the ballot measure:

- Flagrantly circumvents the State Legislature, which has clear budgeting authority over the County of Los Angeles; and
- Violates local and state laws requiring that you negotiate with your labor unions before going to the voters to amend the County Charter.

If adopted by the voters, this measure will set dangerous legal and procedural precedent and frankly we are shocked at the surprise approach employed by the Board of Supervisors in these difficult times when collaboration is paramount. If enacted into law, this measure will impact every single affiliate of LA Union; therefore, we strongly urge you to withdraw the ballot measure and sit down with your labor partners here at the LA Union.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

In Solidarity,

Ron Herrera
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