



February 26, 2024

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Bass,

We are writing to you on behalf of Northridge Indivisible, a grassroots organization committed to promoting democracy, social justice, and community engagement in the Northridge area and beyond. Our members have been ardent supporters of your leadership and vision for Los Angeles, and we have worked tirelessly to support your election as mayor.

It is with deep disappointment and concern that we address your recent endorsement of Councilmember John Lee for the Los Angeles City Council. As you may be aware, Councilmember Lee has been embroiled in allegations of corruption, as reported by the Los Angeles Times on October 2, 2023. These accusations undermine the integrity of our city's governance and contradict the values of transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership that you have championed.

Our organization has always stood for the principles of honesty and integrity in public service. We believe that endorsing a candidate with such serious allegations against them sends the wrong message to the citizens of Los Angeles and tarnishes the progressive vision we all share for our city's future.

We urge you to reconsider your endorsement of Councilmember Lee and to stand with us in demanding higher ethical standards for our elected officials. Our community deserves leaders who are beyond reproach and who are committed to serving the public interest with honor and dignity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and hope to continue working together to build a more just and equitable Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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