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The Honorable James K. Hahn  
City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
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Dear Mayor Hahn:

With the resignation yesterday of a Los Angeles Airport Commissioner, you have an excellent opportunity to change the way appointments are made to our citizen commissions. Los Angeles has long been proud of its citizen commission form of government. To realize the full potential of citizen involvement, it is time to open up that process.

I recommend that you conduct an "open call" for a Los Angeles Airport Commissioner. Certainly, we have, from all around our City, many highly qualified individuals who can understand the Airport's complex issues.

Moreover, by holding an "open call" for candidates for your appointment, you will be casting a wider net and availing yourself of a broader range of talented people that live in all areas of our City regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or orientation.

Too often City Commissioners come from a tight-knit and insular pool of candidates— recycled from commission to commission, and from Mayor to Mayor, residing in the same select neighborhoods. It is time to change this out-dated practice.

The promise of the citizen commission form of government is to give significant power to the people of Los Angeles. With this open call, you can begin to fulfill that promise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura N. Chick'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LAURA N. CHICK  
City Controller

