

**Committee for Justice
and a
Civilian Police Review Board**
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POLICE REVIEW BOARD: SUMMARY

The following represents the basic points to be included in a petition to change the Los Angeles City Charter. The charter amendment will establish a Civilian Police Review Board to be elected by the voters.

1. The Civilian Police Review Board will be made up of 15 members, one elected from each City Council District. They will be salaried and work full-time.
2. The Review Board will judge complaints of unnecessary force, false arrest, harassment, tampering with evidence, abuse of authority, violation of civil rights, illegal surveillance, abusive language, gay bashing, racial or ethnic slurs.
3. The Board will have the power to review and alter police procedures and policies concerning the above areas.
4. The Board will have the power to discipline (ranging from censure to suspension without pay for up to six months) and the power to fire officers. It will also have the power to recommend criminal prosecutions and power to award civil damages up to \$50,000.00.
5. The Board will also have an independent staff of investigators with full subpoena power, plus immediate and unrestricted access to shooting areas.
6. A Special Prosecutor will be elected, whose job will be to handle cases of misdemeanor criminal charges against police officers.
7. All Review Board members will be required to hold community meetings at least once per month in their districts, where they will present reports to the people and listen to the peoples' views and suggestions.
8. The Review Board will give quarterly reports on all incidents involving complaints against police officers.
9. Complaints may be filed by mail, telephone, or at any of the 15 City Council district offices.
10. Any accused officers will have the full right to defend themselves during all Review Board proceedings.
11. Any Police Officer who threatens, harasses or discriminates against another officer of the LAPD who witnesses an act of police abuse and reports it to the Civilian Police Review Board is subject to the penalties as outlined in the Review Board Initiative.