

**From:** [lynn lewis](#)  
**To:** [Alice Atkins](#)  
**Subject:** Vote Yes on the Vote for No Confidence for LA DA Gascon  
**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 2:27:43 PM

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I would like this statement read at the next meeting

It is critical that we support the Victims of Crime in a vote of No Confidence for LA's District Attorney George Gascon. He refuses to uphold the law and his failure to prosecute crime is endangering Angelinos!!!

Sincerely,

Lynn Lewis

Bradbury Rd, Monrovia

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**From:** [Jason Willoughby](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 5:19:43 PM

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Hi Alice-

Thank you for reading this during the public comments.

I wanted to thank and congratulate the City of Monrovia for proclaiming June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Pride is an important time for me, my husband, Manuel and our two Monroe Elementary students, Mason and Miranda. It is very important for our City to celebrate the rich diversity of all its residents. In honor of this celebration and proclamation, I sent a Pride Flag was sent and delivered to the City Manager, City Mayor, and all Council Members. As surrounding cities have done, Monrovia could go beyond a written proclamation and fly the Pride flag proudly above City Hall and/or the Monrovia Public Library. I would hope that at least one Council Member would demonstrate their desire for equality and celebration of diversity by proposing a motion to fly the Pride Flag over the City of Monrovia. It would send a strong signal to the youth in our City that are struggling and afraid to understand who they are and know that they are welcomed into our amazing city. A flag sends a message, a written proclamation that most don't see are great for those that follow the dedicated work of the city, but a flag is seen by anyone walking or driving by our City monuments. As a proud member of the LFBTQ+ Monrovia community, I hope that at least one of you, if not ALL of you will show the courage, vulnerability, and innovation to show Monrovia PRIDE by flying the flag this month. Thank you for your time and dedication to all residents of Monrovia.

Thank you and Happy Pride Month!

Jason Willoughby and Family

**From:** [Melissa Taylor](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments for City Council June 15  
**Date:** Sunday, June 13, 2021 9:04:16 PM

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Good Evening Councilmembers,

This letter is in regards to the comments that were made last week during the Gascon review. Specifically, I am shocked at the complete "othering" of people who are charged with low-level crimes. All, which if actually tried and charged would result in nothing more than a year in jail. Statistically, Black men are charged at higher rates of these crimes when no crime was actually committed. I bring this up specifically because a year ago the council said they wanted to do better and have equity and inclusion, and they go so far as to institute a commission that meets every other week for over 7 months, and yet: when the government and institutions that have perpetuated systematic racism is trying to dismantle those issues, our city council questions if it's really the right move? Councilmember Blackburn speaks condescendingly to anyone who voted for Gascon and tells listeners they need to "reevaluate your values.. consider that the next time you have the opportunity to vote."

As it has been proven time and time again, more jail time is not a deterrent. We need to change the paradigm of punishment, because what we are doing is not working.

What was completely lacking during this conversation on June 15th was empathy. These charges were placed on our neighbors, and possible friends and family members to some of us. They are not "others" they are not people who should be looked down upon. They are Monroviaans. They are people who need help, and we as a community should be able to help our neighbors. All that was shown in the report were numbers: not demographic breakdowns, age ranges. Is it possible that we have an entire group of citizens that we are overlooking because we are trying so desperately to be "tough on crime"? What is the breakdown of people who are being targeted? If we take a look at the data, we can possibly come up with solutions as opposed to "it's terrible that no one is in jail." Study after study after study shows that people who go to jail once are more than likely to be caught in a cycle of jail time. That the money spent on jailing does not rehabilitate. Monrovia is already a leader in some of our policing tactics, we can continue to do better and there are a number of programs we could look into such as Alternative Dispatch (PACT in Claremont is a great example). Obviously, there is no this way or that way answer, this is an area with a lot of gray, and we should be working together as a community to help our community be better as opposed to sending everyone to jail. We have options. Let's use them.

Sincerely, Melissa Taylor

**From:** [phil cannon](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public input. June 15, 2021. The Margin of Defeat  
**Date:** Monday, June 14, 2021 5:56:52 PM

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At the last Council meeting, a critic of George Gascon declared that the District Attorney did not win the majority of votes here in Monrovia. I looked up the margin of defeat, then contacted Mayor Adams requesting to have the numbers read at this meeting.. He wrote back that I should do it myself. I don't want to get publicly embroiled in the no confidence slash recall brouhaha at this time. Maybe it will go away. But I will report the results of my research:

Seventeen thousand twenty nine total votes were cast. Mr. Gascon got eight thousand three hundred eighty. His opponent got eight thousand six hundred forty nine. The margin of defeat in Monrovia was two hundred sixty nine votes.

Council can be confident that this fastidious fact checker will continue to fearlessly furnish his findings.

**From:** [RAYMOND AGUIRRE](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:21:56 PM

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My name is Raymond Aguirre, and I would like to follow up with the subject matter of DA Gascon. I am seeking information as to if Mayor Pro-Tem was able to get a meeting with the DA and if she obtained any credible information regarding his dangerous policies. I also urge the city council to put up a vote of "No Confidence" in DA Gascon.

Thank you kindly,

Raymond Aguirre

**From:** [Melissa Taylor](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** AR-1  
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Good Evening Councilmembers,

If the council wishes to move forward with a municipal or special election to switch to a rotating mayor, prior to the vote, I request a study on districting our city. It seems the only reason this conversation is happening is because all elected seats are citywide and no one member holds more power than another.

As we are a small city, but very diverse, it would behoove us to have better elected representation of the different areas of Monrovia. This could be done with a citywide elected mayor to serve the original purpose for this designated seat, which was for someone who had the "necessary abilities, time, energy and leadership qualities for such an important office... an elected Mayor will be more responsive to the voters." With four other seats made up of the NE/NW/SE/SW.

If you only talk about moving to a rotational mayor because officials are elected citywide, it is worth exploring the idea of districting our community as well. As you mention in the report, "In some ways, having a directly-elected mayor can be confusing to constituents in a general law city." Many constituents may not even know that districting is an option. Our neighbors Arcadia and Duarte are districted towns and they are not much different than us. Instead of changing one seat, maybe it's time to rethink the whole structure.

Sincerely,

Melissa Taylor