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this is a comment on the agenda item for May 19 regarding hiring an Executive Director.

i urge the commission to consider this only after a public process defining the position, duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director.

The Commission needs to address and deal with the overlap and interference by the Department of Human Resources that has blocked Ethics from adopting reforms to curtail corruption including recommendations from Controller and City Attorney claiming that department can override and stop ethics from acting without its approval. this is an issue that needs to be publicly discussed and resolved before selecting an Executive Director.

For similar reasons the Commission needs to comply with the charter requirement that all commissions have a Commission Secretary to provide a public contact separate from the Director, provide accurate minutes, and respond to the commission. For the past several years the Executive Director refused to provide this as a Commission position thereby allowing the Director to control public access to the commission. Failure to act now lays the commission open to violating the charter, subverting the charter mandates, and thwarting the public process. i urge the commission to address these deficiencies in its operations immediately before discussing hiring an Executive Director.

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