

Communication from Public

Name: Barry Johnson

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 04:10 PM

Council File No: 22-1196-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, I ask that you include the input of Neighborhood Councils in your reform proposals coming out of your committee. That input could be in the form of one or more members of a future Redistricting Commission. Neighborhood Councils have become such a vital link for Stakeholders to communicate with their City. And for the Neighborhood Council that I've participated in for 17 years, it's so very important that every N/C have only one councilperson. I fought so hard in 2011 to get Studio City represented by only one councilmember... we'd had 3 from 2001 to 2011 ! We did achieve that goal in 2011, only to lose it again in 2021 with a terrible "Zoom" process that was forced upon us by covid. I believe Council File 22-1196-S1 should also flatly state the following from a SCNC Motion previously submitted to Council File 20-0668-S7 : Motion 2021.11.17.07C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion requiring all future Decennial Redistricting to require all Neighborhood Councils to be represented by only one councilmember. If necessary to reach this goal, council districts could be up to 15% more (or less) of the median council district instead of the current 10% more (or less). This motion was submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 20-0668-S7] Two other Community Impact Statements submitted by the Studio City Neighborhood Council: 1. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-1196 UNLESS the new total of City Council seats does not exceed the current total City Council budget. For example, if the total number of Council seats is increased to 25, the total City Council budget would be divided by 25, instead of the current dividing by 15. This motion was submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 22-1196]. 2. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 23-0002-S1 to create an independent, member selection process with a new redistricting commission and new redistricting maps for the City of Los Angeles before the April 2023 special election. This would be based on the Los Angeles County model created in 2016's Senate Bill (SB) 958. This motion was submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0002-S1].

Sincerely, Barry Johnson Studio City Stakeholder & Studio City
Neighborhood Council Government Affairs Committee Chair

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Name: Matt Harrington
Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 03:13 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: In a city as big and diverse as Los Angeles, it is illogical that our City Council members have way too much power, treating their districts as little fiefdoms to their own end. Voting down the line so that when their “pet project” comes up, it’ll also get the votes. The Council MUST be expanded. Too much power, and too little accountability, is wielded by these 15 people. By comparison New York City has 51 council members, truly representing the citizens. Any council should never be allowed to choose and determine who or what resides in their own district. An independent entity/committee should be drawing those lines. Not the people “ruling” them.

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Name: Miracle Mile Democratic Club

Date Submitted: 09/15/2023 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Committee Members, I write on behalf of 80+ members of the Miracle Mile Democratic Club to endorse, (1) an Independent Redistricting Commission; (2) an expansion of City Council to no fewer than 23 seats; and (3) implementation of these reforms in time for the 2026 election cycle. Respectfully, Mark President

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Name: Gary Darnell Wortham

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Comments for Public Posting: Politics have represented the careers of politicians impacted by the desires of large donors for far too long. This problem is near universal in Republican politicians and less so in Democrats but the corporate interests many politicians represent are often predatory on the health and well being of our citizens. This practice starts at the city council level and needs to be rooted out at the root! Independent redistricting and council expansion will reduce the influence of special interests and corporate lobbyists. It's a great beginning. If you consider yourself a honest politician for the people, please vote yes on these measures.