

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council needs to increase the budget for the LA City Council Redistricting Commission to ensure the commission has the resources it needs to provide language translation and to prepare for an unpredictable meeting format under COVID. Public Hearings begin in less than a week. The current budget only allocates \$25k to translation services, about 1/5th the amount allocated by the San Diego County Commission. Please note that San Diego County has fewer non-English-speaking voters than Los Angeles City and they have a total county population that is 3/4 the size of our city. Last summer over 30 local, state, and national organizations asked the City to ensure materials were made available for the same list of languages that the county registrar provides on the ballot. As the Redistricting Commission report states: "in-person public hearings would raise the Commissions overall outreach expenditures." The Commission must be ready to accommodate for meetings that can be attended virtually as well as in person. ?