

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In the 2021 redistricting cycle, Catalyst California (formerly known as Advancement Project California) co-led the People's Bloc. A coalition of dozens of community-based organizations committed to equitable redistricting across the County of Los Angeles. From our direct experience in that process, we urge the Council to support the motion to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report options for a ballot measure to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City. From the City of Los Angeles to states like North Carolina and Alabama, the previous redistricting cycle has provided countless examples of the fundamental flaws baked into legislatively driven redistricting processes. Regardless of party or political affiliation, elected officials authorized to redraw the map for the district they represent are presented with an inherent conflict of interest, which potentially pits residents' priorities against an incumbent's chance of reelection or ability to amass power and influence. The most effective solution to this conflict has proven to be Independent Redistricting Commissions. As modeled by the State of California and L.A. County, turning the line-drawing process over to resident commissioners, free of political interests and conflicts, leads to fairer, more effective, more equitable maps.