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Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 21-1472 - November 2022 Ballot/Ballot Measure/City Charter Amendment/Independent Redistricting Commission

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports Los Angeles City Council File 21-1472, which instructs the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney and other city departments as needed, to report back with options for a ballot measure to amend the city charter to create an independent redistricting commission for the city of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles needs to develop an independent redistricting process. Our current process is flawed because it allows councilmembers to draw their own council district lines, which allows them to pick their own voters, which allows them to protect themselves. Independent Redistricting Commissions are a voter-centric reform used to ensure that voters—not politicians—decide how council districts are drawn. They are meant to make the redistricting process more transparent and impartial by establishing standards for who can serve on the commission and criteria that must be followed when drawing district maps.

The current City Charter does not allow the city to engage an independent redistricting commission. Therefore, ECWA supports council file 21-1472. Los Angeles needs a ballot measure that would amend the city charter to allow for an independent commission.

ECWA thanks City Council for your attention to this matter and we appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community.

In Solidarity,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)