

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, State, or federal government body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California State Constitution gives charter cities like Los Angeles authority over their own municipal affairs and elections, which includes establishing how they will conduct redistricting in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles voters approved an amendment to the City Charter in 1999 that established an advisory redistricting commission to develop City District boundaries following each decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, the Council has established the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, which is tasked with, among other duties, evaluating options for establishing a truly independent redistricting commission, and that analysis is currently underway with full participation of the public; and

WHEREAS, SB 52 (Durazo) was recently introduced and would purport to establish the “City of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission” to adjust the district boundaries for the Los Angeles City Council; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles voters, who intimately understand the diverse and unique nature of the City, deserve to decide the terms of their own redistricting process, and should not have that right overruled by the State legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 52 (Durazo), which would establish the City of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission to adjust the district boundaries for the Los Angeles City Council.

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