

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA charter reform is long overdue, and I strongly support two proposals in particular: expanding the size of city council and, ideally, pegging its size to the city's population in perpetuity; and empowering an independent redistricting commission. For too long the city's power has been concentrated in the hands of too few, and the city council in particular has proven itself incapable of using that power for good. The size of the council should be expanded and pegged to the city's population permanently so that it doesn't take ~100 years to react to changes in the city's size and demographics. Removing redistricting power from the corrupt institution that is city council will also ensure that representation is distributed more fairly moving forward. This city's potential has been stunted for far too long by inept and corrupted power systems and these two reforms (among others) would have a major impact on helping us catch up to our peer cities around the world. We deserve a city that's cleaner, more affordable, and safer and that work begins with a more representative government.