

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The last time the Los Angeles City council has had an expansion was in 1925. At that time, the population was 900,000 and 15 districts seemed appropriate. There were 60,000 constituents per councilmember. Fast forward to nearly 100 years later and we still only have 15 council districts, but now we have 4 million people. That means each council district has 260,000 constituents. It's like each councilmember is a mayor. This makes it nearly impossible for the people to engage with the City Council. Cities like New York and Chicago have 50 districts. Expanding the City Council to at least 26-29 seats only makes sense and it should be something that our council supports. A larger council will not only allow Angelenos the opportunity to engage with their government, but will uplift potential groups who are not currently represented to have their voices and concerns brought to council. I'm not sure what the aversion to council expansion is and it's very concerning that my councilmember, who is termed out is proposing that council remain stagnant. You should want to leave the council better than when you were elected to it and this is your opportunity, do not miss it. Please reconsider council expansion. Thank you.