

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Ball

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 04:13 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1196-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Fifteen councilmembers cannot properly serve 4 million constituents. Expand the city council to a minimum of 29 members in order to better represent Angelenos. The last change to the number of council members occurred almost 100 years ago in 1925! The council should be especially committed at this time to minimizing sources of corruption and increasing fair representation of diverse residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 10:02 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need more people on the city council. It's ridiculous how much the population has grown while the number on the council stays the same. The council should be doubled in size

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Terri Smith

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 10:37 AM

**Council File No:** 22-1196-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The L.A. City Council serves 4 million people. The number of the council members has not changed since 1925. It is apparent that council members like Krekorian (bought and paid for by real estate developers) do not want to dilute their power. The decision must be taken away from the them and the number of council members tied to city population. EXPAND THE CITY COUNCIL.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 11:04 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 15 council members cannot adequately serve 4 million people. Redraw the districts ASAP and don't delay proportional council representation any further. If there's one thing the people of Los Angeles do not need, it's Paul Krekorian's pathetic attempt to hang on to power.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brett Shears

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 11:24 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The question of whether or not we need a truly independent redistricting commission or need to expand the size of the City Council is completely moot at this point. Obviously we do. The only people who bristle at this idea are the entrenched interests in and around City Council. The levels of corruption by the City Council (perceived and real) at this point are farcical. The fact that the everyday Angeleno might think adding City Council members would only add to this corruption is fair, but it's almost *\*solely\** the actions of existing and recent councilmembers. (See the recent rejection of Ethics Commission nominee Jamie York as one example.) Everyday Angelenos know intuitively that you all have too much power (including over the redistricting process, which the Fed tapes revealed so blatantly). They also know that too much power breeds corruption. Once they hear the reasonable arguments about how these proposals would actually *\*take away\** some of that power, they are overwhelmingly on board. But we know you have no real interest in ceding that power. That, in and of itself, is the problem. You can be as benevolent, thoughtful, and democratically-inclined as anyone, but you will still have too much power. This has to change. Again, it's not a question of whether, but how. Let's get on with doing this, so we can all figure out how to do this thing the right way. I support 29 councilmembers and I support a truly independent redistricting commission, with commissioners elected by the public or selected in a process that is fair, transparent, and, ideally, completely independent from the City Council. I also urge that this process be initiated as quickly as humanly possible. As I alluded to, these maps are tainted due to backroom dealings between disgraced councilmembers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/28/2023 12:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, as a Los Angeles resident for nearly ten years, it's obvious this city needs all the help it can get for its problems. There should be NO delay on the vote for council expansion. Millions of LA residents deserve more than 15 councilmembers representing their interests. There needs to be FAIR REPRESENTATION for EVERY constituent. Any council member who votes to delay, and/or votes against expansion will find themselves VOTED OUT of office.