

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Sections 2.21 and 2.22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to add an ex parte communication disclosure requirement for Redistricting Commission members and to make technical adjustments to Commission deadlines.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 2.21 of Article 4 of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**Sec. 2.21. Redistricting Commission – Deadlines for Presentations of Plans to City Council.**

(a) The City Council Redistricting Commission, established by Charter Section 204(b) and appointed for each decennial redistricting, shall present its proposal to the City Council for redistricting the City Council on or before August 31, 2021, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date.

(b) The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education Redistricting Commission, established by Charter Section 802 and appointed for each decennial redistricting, shall present its proposal to the City Council for redistricting the Board of Education on or before August 31, 2021, and each subsequent tenth anniversary of that date.

(c) Notwithstanding the deadlines above, the City Council may, by resolution, establish an earlier deadline by which the Commissions must present their proposals to the City Council, in order to comply with State or County administrative requirements for implementing new district lines for the next election.

(d) If the City Council decides to consider redistricting the Council or the Board of Education districts, or both, sooner than the next decennial Census, it shall appoint a Redistricting Commission or Commissions for that purpose and shall adopt an ordinance establishing a date by which the relevant Redistricting Commission will be required to submit its redistricting proposal.

Sec. 2. A new Section 2.22 is added to Article 4 of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**Sec. 2.22. Redistricting Commission – Ex Parte Communications.**

(a) An ex parte communication is a communication between any member of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission and any elected City officer, or member of any elected City officer's staff, regarding a matter pending before the

Commission. An ex parte communication also includes a communication between any member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education Redistricting Commission and any elected City officer, or Board of Education member, or member of any elected City officer's staff, or Board of Education member's staff, regarding a matter pending before that Commission. An ex parte communication does not include any communication that takes place on the record during an official public meeting.

(b) The requirements of this section do not apply to a communication between a Commission member and a member of the City Attorney's Office providing legal counsel.

(c) A Commissioner shall disclose any ex parte communication at the next Commission meeting following the communication. Disclosure shall include the time and date of the communication, the identity of the persons who participated in the communication, and a summary of the content of the communication. The Commission may establish procedures to implement this disclosure requirement.

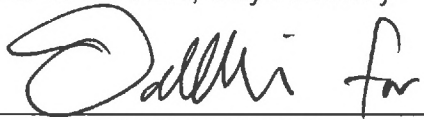
(d) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall subject the Commission member to the penalties set forth in Section 11.00(m) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. As provided in Section 1.11 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, any violation of this section shall not render any action of the Commission or Commission member invalid.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By



HARIT U. TRIVEDI  
Deputy City Attorney

Date

10.8.20

File No.

20-0668

M:\GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION\ORDINANCES AND REPORTS\ORDINANCES - FINAL YELLOW\Redistricting -- Ex Parte Communications Ordinance 10.8.20.docx

The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_