

RESOLUTION

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 governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent discussions about the City of Los Angeles’s redistricting process, it is necessary that the City reexamines the current redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City moves toward an independent redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the State of California adopted Senator Ricardo Lara’s Senate Bill (SB) 958 which established the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Commission was directed to draw districts that are geographically contiguous and to “encourage geographical compactness”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission itself was selected through an impartial process aimed at maintaining transparency through the process; and

WHEREAS, given the recent Charter and city governance reform policies that the City is exploring, the Citizens Redistricting Commission is a model that could provide the transparency and assurance of the City’s independent redistricting efforts. Such a commission would be able to represent the needs of the community, separate from outside influences and agencies;

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 SPONSORSHIP and SUPPORT of any legislation applicable to any city with a population greater than three million which would urge the State of California through an emergency clause to move forward expeditiously on a Bill structured similarly to Senate Bill (SB) 958 “County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission” (Lara - Hall) that creates an independent process with a new commission and new redistricting maps for the City of Los Angeles before the April 2023 special election.

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PRESENTED BY 
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Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

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