

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles City Council must move toward a more independent, transparent, and accessible redistricting process. City Council needs to ban all ex parte communications between the commissioners, elected officials, and their staff. City Council must establish removal procedures for the commissioners including requiring that removal of a commissioner be accompanied by a reason for the removal and require a majority vote of the commission. Staff for the commission should be screened for conflicts of interest before being hired; any ongoing work or recent work on behalf of a political party, incumbent City Council member, or City-level political candidate should be disqualifying. The City should follow the example of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and grant the commission the ability to hire independent legal counsel who is not an elected official in the City of Los Angeles and thus does not have an inherent conflict of interest in the redistricting process.