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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Zapata King Neighborhood Council supports a report on the steps needed to place a Charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats. The number of City Council members has not increased since 1929 when there were only 1.2 million people living within the City boundaries. Today there are nearly 4 million residents but still only 15 Council-members. The City has also become even more diverse, with large populations of people from Korea, Armenia, El Salvador, Mexico, the Philippines, and other countries. Expanding the number of Council Districts would allow for representation of the full diversity of the City's current population. The Chief Legislative Analyst alongside with the City Attorney should not propose lower than a minimum of 31 councils members in the report back. Due to the impact of the anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, anti-LGBTQ, anti-Asian, anti-Armenian, and anti-Semitic and non- inclusivity, the recommendations should be presented to the city council and communities in the first quarter of 2023 before being added to the ballot in 2024.