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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number: 1022-05S

Summary: The Voices Neighborhood Council on October 18, 2022 voted unanimously to SUPPORT, City Council File 22-1196 to the motion instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney, to 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. Since the creation of our council system, there have been 15 council seats. The difference between then and now is that there were 200,000 people in the City of LA at the time, and that number has grown to over 4 million people today. The last time the city went through charter reform was over 20 years ago. Before that, it had been even longer. We had this conversation 20 years ago and it is where our Neighborhood Council structure was born out of. While we recognize the ability that we have as an NC to research and influence policy in addition to creating much needed community, the problem stands that an average of 260,000 people cannot be adequately represented by just 1 councilmember. The task of a city council varies widely from that of a state or federal representative. Their task is more hands-on because we have issues as small as our (very large) potholes, to our monumental task of housing our 40,000 un-housed residents. In addition, we have to recognize that with three council members that have either been in prison or are awaiting trial, one resignation, and hopefully 2 more pending, the tremendous amount of power has had a corrupting effect on a body that has been losing public trust for a long time. We welcome an exploration and public discussion on how best to govern the city we love, so we support this motion. We thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community. Sincerely, Jaime Rabb Chair chair@voicesnc.org