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

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November 14, 2022

Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF 22-1196 Charter Reform Ballot Initiative 2024 /Redistricting Process/Los Angeles City Council Seats/Representation Fixed to Population Growth**

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports Los Angeles City Council File 22-1196, which instructs 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, to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats.

The Los Angeles City Council system was created almost 100 years ago and still has the same number of council seats, 15, that it had at its composition. Back then, there were approximately 1.2 million people in the city. Each councilmember represented about 80,000 people. Now, the city of Los Angeles is the second largest city in the United States, with a population of nearly 4 million people. This amounts to over 260,000 people in a council district—this number is larger than the populations of some U.S. cities, such as Spokane, Washington, Buffalo, New York, Fremont, California and Montgomery, Alabama. It is improbable that one councilmember can adequately represent over a quarter of a million constituents. A change is needed.

ECWA thanks City Council for your attention to this vital matter and we appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community.

In Solidarity,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)