

CLA Memorandum

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TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
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Redistricting Consideration in Council

The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Redistricting Commission are required to submit their recommended plans for the City Council and LAUSD Board districts no later than tomorrow, October 29, 2021. The City Council will immediately begin consideration of those plans.

Members of the Council should be aware of the following dates and associated matters:

1. The recommended plans will be presented to Council on November 2, 2021. At that time, the Commission chairs will be provided an opportunity to explain their process and findings. The Council will then have the opportunity to comment and provide input to be considered by the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.
2. Motions to amend the Commission plans must be introduced in Council no later than November 2, 2021. The Council President requests all motions be prepared by the CLA. Motions to amend will be referred to the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee. Motions can provide *de minimus* or substantive revisions, as well as concepts, to amend the Commission maps. The CLA must evaluate and report on these Motions and time is needed to prepare the required population and voting rights analyses.
3. State law requires that the Council adopt a map for public consideration, and then hold two public hearings at least one week apart. There are several important dates to keep in mind. First, the Charter requires that the final map be adopted by December 31, 2021, by ordinance. This means that an additional week is required to obtain approval in case a second reading of the ordinance is needed. Further, the City Attorney and the Bureau of Engineering need approved maps before they can draft the ordinance. Given the Council schedule, time is of the essence.

An expedited and focused effort will be required over the next two weeks to complete the redistricting process in a manner compliant with the Charter and State law. Proposed amendments must be prepared quickly and submitted for consideration in a timely manner.

Please contact, by e-mail, the following CLA staff to provide assistance in preparing Motions:

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You may also call John Wickham at (213) 473-5738 or (213) 359-9809. Staff will be monitoring and responding to requests over the weekend.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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