

LA GOVERNANCE REFORM PROJECT

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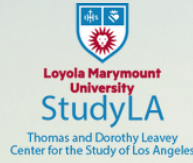
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OUR PROCESS



Supported by philanthropy



Academically sound



Independent recommendations



Connected with stakeholders



COMPLETED

NOVEMBER 2022 - JUNE 2023

Phase One

Project initiation and development of draft recommendations

Public release of draft recommendations on Thursday, June 15

Website launch with interim report that provides rationale and research basis



Draft Recommendations

REDISTRICTING

A more open application process than ever before as to who can apply and geographic balance. A detailed plan for an independent LAUSD commission.

REDUCING SIZE OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Increase the council but also have a small number of at-large seats. New ways to calculate the cost of council expansion.

ETHICS REFORMS

Innovative recommendations to empower the ethics commission.



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

Establish two independent commissions, one for City of Los Angeles and one for LAUSD

Seventeen-member commissions, built around geography

Additional requirements to be a commissioner beyond state law

Wider pool for applicant eligibility: adult residents

Address the costs of simultaneously running two commissions



REDUCING SIZE OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Measuring representational value of smaller districts

Twenty-one districts plus four at-large members

The significance of mixed systems

Possible ways to cut costs of expansion; focus on overall council budget



Recommendation #3

ETHICS REFORMS

Happy to return to talk about ethics reforms and our three-part package of recommendations



IN PROGRESS

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Phase Two

Bring draft recommendations to the community for discussion and feedback.

Survey and focus groups.

Outreach with community partners.

Final recommendations in November 2023.



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