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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/18/2022

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Impact Information

Date: 10/18/2022

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Council File Number: 22-1196

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: On October 18, 2022, at a Brown Act Compliant meeting, NoHo NC voted 13-0-0 to support this council file. Please see the attached statement for further details.

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PASSED 13-0-00 on 10/18/22

Council File: [22-1196](#)

Title: Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / Los Angeles 2024 /Population Growth / Major Immigrant Destination / Los Angeles City Council Seats / City Residents Representation

Position: SUPPORT

NoHo NC strongly supports this motion to have the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer report back on a charter amendment to expand the City Council.

It is simply not possible for 15 council members to govern 4 million people. Each City Council person is supposed to represent over a quarter million residents. For comparison, in New York City (8.4 million people, 51 council districts), each council district represents approximately 160,000-170,000 people. In Chicago (2.71 million people, 50 wards), each alderman represents approximately 54,000 people. Locally, cities like Burbank, Santa Monica, Glendale, San Fernando, West Hollywood, and Santa Clarita all have a minimum of 5 council members – despite each one having less people than a single Los Angeles City Council district. In fact the combined populations of Burbank, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and San Fernando are roughly equal to one Los Angeles Council District – but this population is served by 22 council members.

The oversized City Council districts have created an environment rife with opportunity for corruption and citizen disengagement. Three council members have been indicted in the last 2 years; three more have been recorded trading favors and gerrymandering districts to

consolidate their power. Adoption of this motion would give voters the opportunity to create smaller districts that more accurately reflect the communities they represent; it would also help blunt the political and racial gerrymandering that took place behind closed doors in 2021. More districts create more opportunities for underserved communities to have a voice on the Council rather than being traded around like assets to embed politicians in positions of power. This is a vital step towards fixing the rot in City Hall. The Council must move this forward as expeditiously as possible.