

Communication from Public

Name: Graham Dunn

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 12:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a constituent living in LA county to express my support for Ranked Choice Voting in Loas Angeles elections, to ensure our democracy better reflects the will of the people.

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Name: Robyn S Samuels

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, As a LA City resident, and a member of a small group as well as a coalition that has been faithfully tracking this Commission since you created it, am urging you to support the proposal to expand city council to 25 districts (or 25 seats). The goal of charter reform efforts following 2022's leaked audio tapes has been to rebuild trust in local government. Expansion to 25 districts helps that effort! Expansion would shrink each district's size to about 160,000 residents each and enable each council office to better focus on a smaller set of communities to serve. By removing 100,000 residents from each of your portfolios, we're hopeful that this proposal increases opportunity for residents to feel in closer relationship with your offices. We believe having a smaller district will allow the voices of more marginalized communities to be heard more clearly. The passage of independent redistricting by itself does not solve the problem that districts are just too damn large. We need both independent redistricting AND council expansion to ensure districts that are more representative of all Angelenos. Polling that LA Forward has compiled over the last few years shows favorability of expansion for a majority of likely voters, between the numbers of 23 all the way up to 29. 25 is the number that polls well and is most likely to include underrepresented interest groups. LA is ready for this! If you're worried about implications and implementation details of expansion, remember that you can pass this proposal forward alongside a creation of an ad-hoc or task force like the county has done for Measure G. You can take the next few years to hammer out implementation details before we implement expansion in the early 2030s. Let the voters decide. Show us you believe in Democracy too! Please pass the proposal to expand city council to 25. Thank you! Thank you,

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Name: San Fernando Valley Young Democrats

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 11:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Chair and Members of the Rules Committee, On behalf of the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats, we write in strong support for comprehensive LA City Charter Reform. These reforms ensure that the City of Los Angeles will continue serving its constituents uninterrupted by expanding representation and relieving the city of outdated governance structures. The San Fernando Valley Young Democrats (SFVYD) strives to engage young people in legislative affairs, increase efficiency in our government, maintain the viability of our free institutions, and contribute to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party's ideals and philosophy. Founded in 1994 by young activists including U.S. Senator Alex Padilla and Former Congressman Tony Cárdenas, the SFVYD serves as the premiere Democratic organization for young people in the San Fernando Valley. Los Angeles's foundational governance document last saw a major overhaul in 1999 to connect Los Angeles's diverse communities to their city government. Unfortunately, with the current 15-district structure set back in 1925 and additional logistical issues, our city government has been unable to utilize its full potential to deliver tangible results. Without a legislative fix and an update to the Charter, we may see a reduction in civic participation. This reform package will change the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25, making it easier for communities to be adequately represented which is essential to the communities we represent here in the San Fernando Valley. The reforms function as a broader good governance initiative, allowing for independent oversight by splitting the City Attorney's office and instituting a two-year budget cycle. It also mandates a Periodic Charter Review once a decade. This is important for equity and accessibility given the diverse, growing population in the city. The LA City Charter reform explicitly recommends adopting single-seated Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for elections to the LA City Council. The San Fernando Valley is home to two million Angelenos that we believe deserve the opportunity to choose single-seat ranked choice voting which will allow them to rank candidates in order of preference rather than being forced to select one or be forced with a status quo candidate. As young democratic leaders, we support adopting healthier campaign dynamics. The people of the SFV and greater LA Region should

be able to have candidates that appeal not only for first-choice votes but to a system that will reward a diverse electorate that encourages civic progress and inclusion. Implementing RCV would help eliminate vote splitting and guarantee that winning candidates secure true majority backing. Evidence from cities nationwide shows that it boosts voter trust and turnout, as well as encourages a wider, more diverse pool of candidates to run for office. For these reasons, we urge the Los Angeles City Council to pass the proposed Charter Reforms and ensure they reach the November ballot. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



May 20, 2026

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
200 N. Spring Street, Room 350
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

RE: LA City Charter Reform Letter of Support

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Sincerely,

Juan Solorio Jr

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President
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