

On April 29, 2026, the Supreme Court issued a 6–3 decision along ideological lines, striking down the remedial map and affirming the lower court’s ruling. Writing for the majority, Justice Alito held that the Voting Rights Act did not require Louisiana to create a second majority-minority district and that, absent such a requirement, the state’s use of race in drawing the map could not be justified. The ruling dramatically constrained the enforcement mechanism of Section 2 of the VRA, with the dissent authored by Justice Kagan, and joined by Justices Sotomayor and Jackson. The decision is expected to have sweeping national implications, enabling states across the South and beyond to redraw maps in ways that reduce minority representation in Congress ahead of the 2028 elections.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer report back to the Council with an analysis of the Louisiana v. Callais decision, including:


- The potential impacts of the Callais decision on the City’s redistricting practices, including any legal constraints related to the consideration of race and communities of interest;
- An evaluation on potential Charter amendments that could mitigate adverse impacts of the Callais decision on equitable representation and voter access;
- A legislative and advocacy strategy leveraging the City’s participation in organizations such as the League of California Cities to support state and federal policies that protect and expand voting rights;
- Any anticipated fiscal and operational impacts of proposed election-related ballot measures, including voter identification requirements and citizenship verification mandates;
- Data on voter fraud prosecutions over multiple election cycles to inform a fact-based assessment of the scope and scale of election-related offenses;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analysis, in consultation with all relevant City departments to include in the report:

- A comprehensive, data-driven analysis of election integrity measures and their impact on voter participation, access, and administrative capacity.
- Principles of transparency, accountability, and equity in evaluating and responding to election policy changes, ensuring that the City continues to uphold fair and accessible democratic processes.

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