

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* regarding the use of race in drawing voting districts.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Harris-Dawson – Soto-Martinez):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), report to the Council with an analysis of the *Louisiana v. Callais* decision, including:
 - a. 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.
 - b. An evaluation on potential Charter amendments that could mitigate adverse impacts of the *Callais* decision on equitable representation and voter access.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Any anticipated fiscal and operational impacts of proposed election-related ballot measures, including voter identification requirements and citizenship verification mandates.
 - e. Data on voter fraud prosecutions over multiple election cycles to inform a fact-based assessment of the scope and scale of election-related offenses.
2. DIRECT the CLA, in consultation with all relevant City departments to include in the report:
 - a. A comprehensive, data-driven analysis of election integrity measures and their impact on voter participation, access, and administrative capacity.
 - b. 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On June 5, 2026, your Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a May 5, 2026 Motion (Harris-Dawson – Soto-Martinez) relative to the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision in Louisiana v. Callais regarding the use of race in drawing voting districts. According to the Motion, the ruling dramatically constrains the enforcement mechanism of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and 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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RAMAN:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES

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