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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

REVISED JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 2nd Floor
23241 W. Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304

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1. Call to Order/ Establish Quorum: Joanne Yvanek-Garb,Co-Chair, Brenda Citrom, Co-Chair, Kim Koerber, Co-Chair, Aida Abkarians, Saif Mogri, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Secretary.

2. Comments from the Chairs.

3. General Public Comment Review and Approval of August 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

4. Discussion and possible action on Council File #26-0548 E-bikes, E-motos, and Electric Mopeds/Increase Safety and Welfare of Los Angeles Residents/ Annual Data Publication.

   - State lawmakers have introduced several bills to regulate e-bikes and e-motos with new rules and safety precautions. The WHNC will meet to discuss their support for the motion by John Lee and Heather Hutt to instruct the Department of Transportation to report back within 90 days with recommendations to regulate e-bikes, e-motos, and e-mopeds; to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back on pending legislation; and to request the Los Angeles Police Commission to report on collisions, injuries, and deaths to policy makers.

5. Discussion and possible action on Council File #22-1196, 22-1196-S1 Putting Charter Reform Contents on November Ballot; the Charter Reform Commission recommended increasing the number of City Council members from 10 to 25.

    - The WHNC met and discussed this topic and does not recommend supporting this increase because the budget crisis at this time cannot support adding City Council members and their staff. The WHNC will generate a CIS to this effect.

6. Discussion and possible action on Council File 26-1572 LA 100 Plan Projected Ratepayer Impacts/Public Outrage/Rising Electric Bills/Implementation Timelines/Customer Impact.

    - The WHNC will meet to discuss their support for the motion by Councilmember John Lee and seconded by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez to request that the LADWP report to the City Council within 90 days regarding the projected ratepayer impacts associated with the LA 100 plan.

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Chaminade High School
August 17, 2026
Revised August 18, 2026

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Government Relations Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Brenda Citrom, Glenn Jennings, Kim Koerber, Saif Mogri, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb
Committee Members Absent: none
Other Board Members Present: Brian Findling

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum: Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Comments from the Chairs: None

3. General Public Comment Review and Approval of July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved.

4. Council File #26-0489 Putting Charter Reform Contents on November Ballot; the Charter Reform Commission recommended increasing the number of City Council members from 10 to 25. The WHNC met and discussed this topic and does not recommend supporting this increase because the budget crisis at this time cannot support adding City Council members and their staff. The WHNC will generate a CIS to this effect:

Joanne said this reform will not be on the November ballot. Aida said the City of Los Angeles, LAPD, LAFD, and LAUSD are too big to run efficiently. A CIS opposed to increasing the number or City Council members will be sent to the WHNC Board.

5. Budget Request for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils for $400.00:
   Aida Abkarians – Yes, Brenda Citrom – Abstain, Glenn Jennings – Yes, Kim Koerber – Yes,
   Saif Mogri – Abstain, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – No,
   Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
   Yes – 5, No – 1 Abstain – 2, Absent – 0, Recusal – 0
   The Budget Request will be sent to the WHNC Budget Committee.

Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 21, 2026, 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School.

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 26-0548

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

Agenda Item No.: 23

Agenda Description: PUBLIC SAFETY, RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to regulating e-bikes, e-motos and electric mopeds.

Council Action: PUBLIC SAFETY, RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	YES	Harris-Dawson	YES	Hernandez
YES	Jurado	YES	Hutt	YES	Lee
YES	McOsker	YES	Nazarian	YES	Padilla
ABSENT	Park	YES	Price Jr.	YES	Raman
YES	Rodriguez	YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky

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PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s)Title
Report from Public Safety Committee, Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and Transportation Committee 8-12-26

PUBLIC SAFETY

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

E-bikes and e-motos offer significant benefits to the individual and society, including improved cardiovascular health, reduced commuting costs, and eco-friendly transportation. Key perks include easy parking, improved mental well-being, ability to move children, groceries, or cargo, and greater accessibility for older riders or those with injuries. 66% of trips taken every day in the City of Los Angeles are 5 miles or less and e-bikes and e-motos provide a non-car transportation mode for Angelenos to get around.

According to UCLA's Department of Transportation, studies have shown that people who ride e-bikes do it often and for farther distances, enabling moderate exercise. Modest activity (say 30 minutes a day of movement) helps with enhanced physical fitness, improved cardiovascular function, muscle strengthening, reduced inflammation, improved mental health like better mood and lower stress, and enriched sleep quality. Being able to go faster also makes e-biking safer, as riders are traveling more at the speed of traffic compared to vehicles.

Crashes involving electric mopeds and electric motorcycles in Los Angeles and the surrounding Southern California region have surged recently, leading to increased law enforcement crackdowns and a rise in emergency room visits. Local authorities report a significant increase in trauma cases, including head injuries and fractures, particularly among juvenile riders. Just recently in March of 2026 a teenager on a street illegal electric motorcycle crashed into an elderly pedestrian, gravely injuring her.

E-bikes are classified into three main categories based on speed and motor assistance type, primarily to define where they can be legally ridden. Class 1 is pedal-assist only up to 20 mph. Class 2 includes a throttle and pedal-assist, also capped at 20 mph. Class 3 is pedal-assist only, with speeds up to 28 mph. Class 1 and 2 are usually allowed on bike paths and conventional bicycle infrastructure, while Class 3 is typically restricted to road use and requires riders to be 16 or older. All Class 3 riders must wear helmets, while Class 1 and 2 riders under 18 are required to wear helmets.

Electric motos and mopeds, on the other hand, are not street legal out of the box. They are marketed to teens and parents of teens as a fun, efficient way to get around, but they often lack the required elements to make them legal, such as turn signals, proper lights, and license plates. Additionally, they require that riders have a M1 (motorcycle) license, which is not disclosed to those purchasing them. Nearly all reported crashes are from illegal devices, not legal e-bikes.

Citing near misses, traumatic injuries and fatal crashes, state lawmakers have introduced a flurry of bills to regulate e-bikes and e-motos. At least nine bills are making their way through the Legislature this session, each proposing new rules and safety precautions. It is important for the City to monitor and advocate for changes at the state level, while thoughtfully considering local regulations to protect the safety and welfare of Angelenos.

WE THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee, the City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Bureau of Street Services, and Metro, to report back within 90 days with recommendations to regulate e-bikes, e-motos and electric mopeds, that may include:

- Requiring all e-bikes, e-motos and electric mopeds in the City of Los Angeles to meet all legal standards and requirements;
- Banning the sale or resale of e-bikes, e-motos and electric mopeds that do not meet the legal standards and requirements;
- Banning the conversion or assisting in the conversion of e-bikes to a higher class or e-moto or electric moped;
- Banning the sale of e-motos or electric mopeds which are not street legal out of the box and/or which require a M1 driver's license to be operated legally;
- Requiring educational learning for all riders under 18 or who do not have a driver's license; and,
- Rules for the storage and charging of e-bikes, e-motos and electric mopeds to prevent hazardous waste and battery fires.

WE FURTHER MOVE to INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back on pending state legislation related to e-bikes, e-motos, and similar mobility devices (e.g. AB 1492, AB 1557, AB 1569, AB 1614, AB 2346, AB 2595, and SB 1167) and provide recommendations and draft resolutions of support for those bills that are in the interest of the safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

WE FURTHER MOVE to REQUEST the Los Angeles Police Commission, with the assistance of the LAPD and the City Attorney's Office, to require the annual publication of data on e-bike, e-moto and electric moped collisions, injuries, and deaths that includes enough identifying information to allow policy makers to make any necessary adjustments to increase the safety and welfare of our residents.

PRESENTED BY: _____
HEATHER HUTT
Councilmember, 10th District

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JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 22-1196-S1

Council Meeting Date: April 30, 2025

Agenda Item No.: 15

Agenda Description: RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report on Inflation – Adjusted Redistricting Commission Budgets.

Council Action: RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

ABSENT	Blumenfield	YES	Harris-Dawson	YES	Hernandez
ABSENT	Jurado	YES	Hutt	YES	Lee
YES	McOsker	YES	Nazarian	YES	Padilla
YES	Park	YES	Price Jr.	YES	Raman
YES	Rodriguez	YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky

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Adopted Report(s)Title
Report from Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee dated 4-11-25

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Council File No.: 22-1196-S1

Council Meeting Date: November 29, 2023

Agenda Item No.: 27

Agenda Description: AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT relative to Independent Redistricting Charter Reform and expansion of the City Council.

Council Action: AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT - ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION 27A (HARRIS-DAWSON - KREKORIAN), MOTION 27B (HARRIS-DAWSON - PRICE), AND MOTION 27C (PADILLA - RODRIGUEZ)

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	YES	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hernandez	YES	Hutt	YES	Krekorian
YES	Lee	YES	McOsker	YES	Padilla
YES	Park	YES	Price Jr.	YES	Raman
YES	Rodriguez	YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s)Title
Amending Motion 27A (Harris - Dawson - Krekorian) dated 11-29-23

Amending Motion 27B (Harris - Dawson - Price) dated 11-29-23

Amending Motion 27C (Padilla - Rodriguez) dated 11-29-23

Report from Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform dated 10-5-23

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT relative to Independent Redistricting Charter Reform and expansion of the City Council, Item 27 on today's Council Agenda (CF: 22-1196-S1), **BE AMENDED** to the following:

D: Commissioner Qualifications, Responsibilities, and Restrictions

1. Candidates to become a commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission shall submit an application. All applications are public records available for public review. Qualified applicants:

    d. Shall not have been a City commissioner (excluding Neighborhood Council board members) within the previous 2 years.
    e. Shall not have been a City employee or an individual who has been employed by the city within the previous 2 years.

PRESENTED BY: _____

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT relative to Independent Redistricting Charter Reform and expansion of the City Council, Item 27 on today's Council Agenda (CF: 22-1196-S1), **BE AMENDED** to the following:

F: Redistricting Criteria

2. Additional Criteria shall include those criteria required by the California Elections Code (Sections 21130 and 21621). Other additional criteria ***should*** be considered when drawing district boundaries, including consideration of the community and cultural association with economic and cultural landmarks and resources. All decisions concerning Additional Criteria shall be considered and approved in public meetings. Consideration of Additional Criteria should be considered in compliance with and subordinate to the requirements of federal or State law.

PRESENTED BY: _____
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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MOTION

I **MOVE** that the matter of the AD HOC CITY COMMITTEE ON CITY GOVERNANCE REFORM REPORT relative to Independent Redistricting Charter Reform and expansion of the City Council, Item 27 on today's Council Agenda (CF: 22-1196-S1), **BE AMENDED** to the following:

D. Commissioner Qualifications, Responsibilities, and Restrictions

1. Candidates to become a Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission shall submit an application. All applications are public records available for public review. Qualified applicants:
    a. Shall be a resident of the City for at least ***five*** years prior to submission of an application.

PRESENTED BY: Imelda Padilla
IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: Monica Rodriguez

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 22-1196

Council Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

Agenda Item No.: 41

Agenda Description: CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (O'FARRELL - RAMAN - KREKORIAN - PRICE - KORETZ) relative to steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats.

Council Action: MOTION (O'FARRELL - RAMAN - KREKORIAN - PRICE - KORETZ) ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION (RAMAN – O'FARRELL)

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	YES	Bonin	YES	Buscaino
ABSENT	Cedillo	ABSENT	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hutt	YES	Koretz	YES	Krekorian
YES	Lee	YES	O'Farrell	ABSENT	Price Jr.
YES	Raman	ABSENT	Rodriguez		

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

Adopted Report(s)Title
Amending Motion (Raman - O'Farrell) 10-18-22

Motion (O'Farrell - Raman - Krekorian - Price - Koretz)

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Motion

Almost 100 years ago, the City voters adopted the charter reforms submitted by the "Board of Freeholders", which were developed in 1923, voted on in 1924, and enacted in 1925. At the time, the charter reform movement was focused on tackling corruption, ensuring efficient government, and improving representation. Although many smaller changes took place after the 1925 charter reform movement, the next major change didn't take place until the late 1990s, ushering in important updates such as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and restructured roles and duties of the Council and Mayor.

As the second largest city in the United States, Los Angeles is a major world-wide center of economic, cultural, and industrial power. As of the last US Census, the City grew approximately 3%, to 3.898 million people, a change of just over 106,000 residents since the 2010 census count. The City is home to some of the largest communities outside of their respective countries: Korean, Armenian, Salvadoran, Mexican, Filipino and others, making Los Angeles a major immigrant destination.

Between 1920 and 1929, the City's population grew from an approximate 577,000 residents, to just over 1.2 million. It was under this major growth that the City voters chose to create a Council with 15 members representing the unique corners of the City. With just under 4 million residents, it is time for the City to once again focus on representation. The Council should reflect the city residents that they serve; a charter amendment to increase the number of seats with methodology that ties council membership to population will help meet that goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to prepare a report that outlines and sets forth an immediate redistricting process to implement the updated reforms, after passage of the above-mentioned charter reform ballot initiative.

PRESENTED BY: _____
Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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I MOVE that the matter of the CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (O'FARRELL - RAMAN - KREKORIAN - PRICE - KORETZ) relative to steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats, and related matters, Item No. 41 on today's Council Agenda (CF 22-1196), BE AMENDED as follows:

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to prepare a report that outlines and sets forth an immediate redistricting process to implement the updated reforms, after passage of the above-mentioned charter reform ballot initiative, which includes potential options for the implementation of new district lines for the 2026 elections (or the soonest feasible election cycle).

PRESENTED BY: _____
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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MICHAEL N. FEUER
CITY ATTORNEY

October 14, 2022

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Proposal for Independent Redistricting and Additional Reform
(CF 21-1472, CF 22-1196, and CF 22-1197)

Honorable Members:

The recent release of the hateful conversation in which three City Councilmembers discussed how City Council districts should be drawn makes inescapably clear that the City needs a truly independent redistricting process to ensure the fairness and legitimacy of district boundaries and the system that establishes them. We need to act urgently to begin to heal the divisions in our city, reform how our city conducts business and restore public confidence and trust.

The purpose of this letter is to strongly recommend that the Council immediately prepare a Spring, 2023, Charter Reform ballot measure to create independently-drawn Council District boundaries in time for the 2024 City election cycle, and call a Special Election for Spring, 2023. In addition, I propose a Spring, 2024, Charter Reform ballot measure to create a new, independent City redistricting system for future city elections, along with other reforms, including cutting City Council districts in half to facilitate more responsive and diverse representation.

Spring, 2023, Charter Reform ballot measure. I urge you to call a Special Election in Spring, 2023, for a Charter amendment that would require new Council District lines to be redrawn independently before the 2024 elections. A mechanism already exists in State law for a general law city to contract with a county to have the county's independent redistricting commission draw a city's council district lines. (California Elections Code Section 23004.) By Charter amendment, Los Angeles can, and should,

My Office stands ready to assist these reform efforts in any way we can. Ensuring new districts are independently drawn before the next election cycle would be an essential start.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

MF: aj

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The City of Los Angeles has adopted ambitious clean energy and electrification goals through the Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study (LA100), a long-term roadmap developed in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and other stakeholders. LA100 outlines pathways for transitioning the City to a carbon-free electric grid while electrifying transportation, buildings, and other sectors of the economy.

As the City continues implementation of policies associated with LA100, residents, businesses, and industrial customers have increasingly raised concerns regarding the affordability and long-term ratepayer impacts associated with the transition. Reliable and affordable electricity is essential to maintaining the economic stability and quality of life of Angelenos, particularly during periods of extreme summer heat when energy demand and utility bills substantially increase.

Many residents have expressed outrage regarding rising electric bills, pass-through charges, grid modernization expenses, and other rate impacts associated with clean energy mandates and capital improvement projects. Transparency regarding projected costs, implementation timelines, and customer impacts is critical to ensuring that policymakers and the public can fully evaluate the fiscal implications of these programs.

In addition, the State of California has already established statewide renewable energy and decarbonization mandates through Senate Bill 100 (SB100), which requires California to achieve 100% zero-carbon retail electric sales by 2045. Questions remain regarding how the City's LA100 goals differ from state mandates under SB100, whether LA100 imposes additional requirements beyond those required by state law, and what additional costs may be associated with those accelerated or expanded objectives.

The City Council requires a clear understanding of the projected impacts of LA100 implementation on ratepayers across all customer classes, including single-family residential customers, multifamily residential customers, commercial customers, and industrial customers, in order to make informed policy decisions moving forward.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) be REQUESTED to report to the City Council within 90 days regarding the projected ratepayer impacts associated with implementation of the LA100 plan, including but not limited to:

- Projected electric rate increases over the next 5, 10, 15, and 20 years associated with implementation of LA100.
- A detailed breakdown and explanation of all anticipated pass-through charges, fees, surcharges, and infrastructure-related cost recovery mechanisms associated with LA100 implementation.
- Projected average summer electric bill increases by customer category, including:
    - Single-family residential customers
    - Multifamily/apartment customers
    - Commercial customers
    - Industrial customers
- An overview of anticipated capital infrastructure investments associated with LA100, including transmission, distribution, grid modernization, energy storage, wildfire mitigation, and renewable energy procurement costs.
- A detailed outreach and public education strategy to inform ratepayers regarding projected costs, conservation strategies, rebate programs, and available financial assistance programs.

- An analysis of how electrification mandates and increased electric demand may affect overall system reliability and customer costs during peak summer periods.
- Identification of any state or federal funding opportunities that may offset costs to LADWP ratepayers.

I FURTHER MOVE that LADWP be REQUESTED to provide a comparative analysis between the City's LA100 plan and the requirements of California Senate Bill 100 (SB100), including:

- A summary of the key policy differences between LA100 and SB100.
- Identification of any requirements, timelines, mandates, or implementation strategies contained within LA100 that exceed or accelerate the requirements of SB100.
- An estimate of the additional costs associated with implementation of LA100 beyond those required to comply with SB100 alone.
- A comparative analysis of projected ratepayer impacts under:
    - Full implementation of LA100
    - Compliance with SB100 without additional LA100 requirements
- An assessment of whether implementation of SB100 alone would materially reduce projected electric rate increases for LADWP customers.
- Recommendations for balancing environmental goals with affordability and ratepayer protections for residents and businesses of the City of Los Angeles.

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To: The Honorable Members of the Energy and Environment Committee
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City Hall, Room 340

Subject: Office of Public Accountability Comments on Items 9 (26-1576), 10 (26-1572), 11 (26-1555) and 12 (26-1504)

The Office of Public Accountability (OPA)/Ratepayer Advocate appreciates the opportunity to provide the following comments on Items 9 (26-1576), 10 (26-1572), 11 (26-1555) and 12 (26-1504).

Established under Section 23.144 of the Los Angeles City Charter, the OPA is the City's independent ratepayer advocate, promoting transparency, accountability and affordability of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) rates and services. In furtherance of this mission, OPA offers the following comments on the motions before the Committee, which address interconnected issues related to utility affordability, transparency, and accountability. OPA welcomes the opportunity to support the Committee's efforts on these motions and, if adopted, inform their implementation.

OPA would be pleased to offer additional insights into other actions for consideration by the Council in addition to those raised herein. Should you have any questions, please contact me by email at tim.oconnor@lacity.org or by phone at 213-978-0220.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Randall Winston, Deputy Mayor for Energy and Sustainability

Item 9: Council File 26-1576- Expanding the Low-Income Financial Assistance Programs / City's Utility Services Bill / Effective Assistance Program

OPA supports the motion's attention to the growing affordability challenges facing LADWP customers and supports the intent to expand financial assistance for low-income households. OPA recommends the feasibility study address the following in addition to the items included in the present motion:

1) Evaluate whether existing eligibility criteria and benefit levels adequately address household financial hardship. This should include consideration of alternative income eligibility thresholds, such as use of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and Area Median Income (AMI), and the corresponding amount of financial assistance provided at each threshold. The study should also consider tiered benefits that provide greater support to households with the lowest incomes. Importantly, the analysis should be guided by clearly defined affordability metrics and objectives, such as household energy burden and water affordability as a percentage of household discretionary income or the number of minimum-wage work hours required to pay a typical utility bill. Establishing these benchmarks would allow the City to evaluate alternative program designs based on their effectiveness in reducing financial hardship, rather than simply measuring the number of customers enrolled.

2) Evaluate opportunities to expand assistance to underserved households and improve access to existing programs. This includes low-income residents of master-metered housing units and providers of affordable, transitional, and supportive housing, while assessing the legal, financial, and administrative considerations associated with expanding eligibility. The study should also identify opportunities to simplify enrollment, including coordinating eligibility verification and enrollment across assistance programs and City departments to reduce administrative burdens and improve participation among eligible households.

3) Identify potential new funding sources to support the long-term sustainability and expansion of financial assistance programs. The analysis should consider applicable legal and regulatory constraints and provide options that estimate funding requirements, potential customer participation, and anticipated improvements in affordability outcomes.

4) Include coordination with LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) in addition to LADWP, the Office of Finance, and the City Attorney. Because LADWP bills include sewer and solid waste charges, affordability should be evaluated across all utility charges rather than individual services alone. LASAN links its discounts to LADWP assistance eligibility, presenting opportunities to streamline enrollment and benefits. The study should further examine how unpaid sewer and solid waste charges interact with collections and disconnection protections to support a consistent, customer-centered affordability framework.

Item 10: Council File 26-157-: LA 100 Plan Projected Ratepayer Impacts / Public Outrage / Rising Electric Bills / Implementation Timelines / Customer Impact

OPA supports efforts to improve transparency regarding the long-term costs, benefits and ratepayer impacts of LADWP's power system plan, including its decarbonization strategy. As OPA emphasized in its September 2026 comments to LADWP's LA100 Advisory Group, affordability should be treated as a design constraint in achieving LA100's goals, with an emphasis on least-cost, least-risk pathways.

While long-term cost projections are essential to understanding the anticipated costs of implementing LA100 and their implications for ratepayers, they are not a substitute for concrete, near-term investment planning. OPA has previously recommended that LADWP strengthen its evaluation of alternative scenarios, integrate generation, transmission, and distribution planning, and develop a five-year investment roadmap to improve transparency and cost management.

OPA recommends the study go beyond reporting long-term LA100 cost projections to identify specific steps LADWP is taking to manage costs and financial risks throughout implementation. This should include a five-year integrated investment roadmap that coordinates generation, transmission, distribution, and other infrastructure investments. This roadmap should provide greater transparency into near-term expenditures and distinguish between investments needed to maintain and modernize the existing power system and those associated with LA100 implementation.

The study should also evaluate plausible ranges of long-term costs and ratepayer impacts under different scenarios, including the potential financial and reliability consequences of deferring necessary infrastructure investments.

Finally, the analysis should examine how LADWP plans to maximize the value of existing and planned investments in Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), demand response, energy storage, managed electric vehicle charging, and other distributed energy resources. These investments should be evaluated as part of integrated system planning to identify opportunities to reduce or defer additional infrastructure costs while maintaining reliability.

Item 11: Council File 26-1555- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) / Monthly Billing for Residential Customers / Pilot Program

OPA supports the motion to evaluate a transition to monthly billing for LADWP ratepayers. Monthly billing could improve bill predictability, transparency, and customers' ability to manage their utility expenses. As OPA emphasized in its October 2026 comments to the LADWP Board of Commissioners, the value of AMI extends beyond automated meter reading and billing improvements. AMI represents a foundational investment in modernizing LADWP's power system and customer service, with opportunities to provide more timely usage information, proactive alerts and tools to help customers better manage their electricity costs.

OPA has been actively engaged with LADWP on its AMI deployment and has emphasized the importance of a roadmap that connects planned investments and capabilities to measurable customer benefits. Informed by this work, OPA recommends the study also consider how monthly billing would align with LADWP's AMI deployment and benefits realization roadmap, including the technical and operational requirements, implementation timelines, and performance measures necessary to deliver these benefits. It should also examine whether customers experience changes in recorded consumption and corresponding bills following AMI installation, particularly where significant increases occur.

OPA further recommends the study evaluate not only the feasibility and customer benefits of monthly billing, but also how AMI can support future rate design updates and demand management programs that help customers manage electricity costs and reduce overall system costs. Capabilities such as time-of-use rates, demand response, managed electric vehicle charging, and distributed energy resource integration could help LADWP manage electricity demand and potentially avoid or defer more costly generation, transmission, and distribution investments. The success of AMI should be measured not simply by the number of meters installed or improvements in billing frequency, but by meaningful customer benefits, measurable cost savings, and long-term value for ratepayers.

Item 12: Council File 26-1504- Increase in Water and Electricity Rates / Align Rate Structure / Programs to Assist Reducing Water and Electricity Usage

OPA supports a comprehensive review of rising utility bills and the factors contributing to higher costs for LADWP customers. As OPA emphasized in its October 2026 comments to the LADWP Board of Commissioners, addressing utility affordability requires a comprehensive approach that includes rate modernization, improved customer information and assistance programs, and greater transparency and accountability in utility planning and expenditures.

Informed by the Office's own evaluation of cost drivers, OPA recommends that the study also address the following:

1) Evaluate the factors contributing to recent bill increases. The analysis should distinguish the effects of changes in consumption, seasonal rates, tiered pricing, and automatic cost adjustments on customers' bills. Understanding how these factors contribute to higher bills, particularly during the summer months, can help identify opportunities for rate reform and more effective customer protections.

2) Evaluate the relationship between utility investments, costs, and customer rates. The study should examine how LADWP's strategic plans, budgets, capital investments, and operating costs contribute to customer rates and bills. Greater visibility into these relationships would help the Council and ratepayers better understand cost drivers and identify opportunities to improve cost management without compromising reliability.

3) Identify opportunities to improve customer information, billing practices, and access to assistance programs. The study should examine what changes may result in clearer billing information, more timely consumption information, proactive notifications of unusual consumption or potentially high bills, and improved access to available assistance and energy management programs. These measures could help customers anticipate costs, address billing concerns, and manage their utility expenses before financial hardship becomes more severe.