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Proposal by:	Structure	Powers	Selection	Boundaries	Comments
City Council Governmental Efficiency Committee [in development]	Two tiers: 1. Approximately 100 neighborhoods 2. Approximately 45 communities	Advisory	Two tiers: 1. Neighborhood councils self- selected 2. Method of selecting community board for larger area is unresolved	Two tiers: 1. Neighborhood self-defined 2. Larger community boundaries unresolved	Congress of Neighborhoods constitutes third of three tiers
Mayor Richard Riordan	No set number	Advise on land use, planning, and City budget issues	Elected annually by caucus	Self-identified	No funding or staffing provided
Councilmember Laura Chick	One board per populations less than 100,000	Advisory	Appointed by Councilmember	Community Plan areas or smaller, named communities	Facilitated by Department of Neighborhoods; areas may cross Council District lines

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Councilmember Michael Feuer	No set number	Authority over land use, subject to 2/3 Council override; advise on local priorities, review service delivery	Self-selected residents of district	Community of interest	
Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas		Advisory	Self-selected residents of district		Facilitated by Department of Neighborhoods; Plan allows flexibility
Councilmember Jackie Goldberg	15 council district boards, 5 members each	Authority over service delivery and local [district] planning subject to City Council override by 2/3rds vote	Elected by district for 4-year term, staggered or concurrent with Councilmember	Council District	Paid positions
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski	No set number	Limited authority on local land use, Authority over discretionary funds	Self-selected	Community Plan areas and self-defined neighborhoods	Flexible structure necessary

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City Attorney James Hahn	20 neighborhood councils, 5 members each	Authority over land-use with appeal to City Planning Commission; Prepare budget requests	Elected	Communities of interest	
Controller Rick Tuttle	35 councils	Authority over service delivery, subject to 2/3 City Council override	Elected	Community Plan area	
State Senator Tom Hayden	34 councils	Authority to make decisions, subject to 2/3 City Council override	Elected w/ full campaign finance reporting, possibly vote by mail and some matching funds	Community Plan area	Funding from City budget
Charter Reform Commissioner Jerry Gaines	One board in each Council district Within council district, wards have populations of 40,000	Advise on local community issues: planning, public safety, public works and budget	Elected & Appointed: 5 elected by ward, 4 appointed at large [1 by Mayor; 3 by Councilmember], 2-yr. term; must be resident of district	Wards defined by independent redistricting commission	After 4 years an independent evaluation could result in direct 'or binding oversight over defined local issues, subject to City Council veto; No pay; expenses reimbursed

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CAO Keith Comrie	Minimum of 5 boards per Council District 20 members on each board	Advise City Council on City services, land use, and Citywide issues	Appointed by Councilmember to staggered 2 to 4 year fixed term	Council Districts and defined neighborhoods	Staffing by City Council Office; Congress of Neighborhoods
Jeff Brain, The Fifth District Committee for Meaningful Government Reform	35 neighborhood councils, 11 members each	Authority over local land-use	Elected by registered voters	Community Plan area	Borough councils determine service priorities and taxes
Sandy Brown	35 neighborhood councils, 7-9 members each	Authority to make decisions, subject to override by City council, veto by Mayor w/ City Council override	Elected	Community Plan area	
Richard Close, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association	Each neighborhood council represents population of 50,000 - 75,000	Authority over budget, land use, and City services	Elected	Existing boundaries (selected by Charter Reform Commission)	

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Dr. Fernando Guerra, Loyola Marymount University	15 neighborhood councils, 9 members each	Authority over land use	Elected	Council District	One member appointed by neighborhood councils to serve on City Council
VICA ad hoc Committee	15 Town Councils, 15 members each	Authority over local land use & budget; Can impose limited tax increases for service upgrades and to promote development; Town Council decisions subject to Mayor veto but Town Council can override with 2/3 rd vote	Elected by district to 4-year term	Region to be defined	Town Council appoints Town Council Manager, and selects member to serve on Metro Council [successor to City Council] No or low pay for Metro or Town Council members

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Los Angeles Business Advisors		Informal advisory group to Councilmembers	Appointed by Councilmember	Council district	No official system; Councilmember can establish advisory groups. No formal decision-making authority. Increasing City Council to 33-35 districts would provide greater access.
Jon Shaughnessy, Neighborhood Councils Movement	Two tiers: 1. 100+ neighborhood councils 2. 35 community councils	Authority over local land use.	Two tiers: 1. Neighborhood councils self-selected 2. Community Councils elected by registered voters	Two tiers: 1. Neighborhood self-defined 2. Community Plan areas	
Ivan Corpeno-Chavez, Librarians Guild	Wards have equal populations	Advise on budget; Can subpoena officials Authority over discretionary budget	Elected by ward, by registered voters	Council District	Ethics laws apply; City commissions chosen from ranks of community councils

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