

MEMORANDUM

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To: All Los Angeles Charter Reform Commissioners
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The attached proposal from Councilman Joel Wachs was approved unanimously by the Task Force on Structures of Government: Community Councils of the *Elected* Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission.

The task force made a few amendments:

1. The general manager and commission would be appointed and removed in the **same manner** as other general managers and commissions.
2. The neighborhoods would be clustered into communities of not greater than **150,000** residents each. (A change from 100,000.)
3. A charter reform commission would reconvene **five years after implementation** to consider further changes to the neighborhood council system.

The commissioners also asked us to clarify some parts of our proposal, and provide some examples of how it would work. That clarification will be forthcoming shortly -- well in advance of the task force's next meeting.

The basic goal of our proposal was to include in the new Charter only those fundamental features that we felt would determine whether or not a network of neighborhood councils would succeed or fail, leaving the details flexible enough so that the system could evolve at the direction of the neighborhoods.