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Fwd: Public Comment 5/26/2021 - Oppose Item #2

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To: Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

Wed, May 26, 2021 at 3:17 PM

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From: **Ken Barnard** <kenbarnard12@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 3:47 PM
Subject: Public Comment 5/26/2021 - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Sincerely,
Ken Barnard



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From: **Gina Viola** <gina@tradeshowtemps.net>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM
Subject: Public Comment 5/26/2021
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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The LA City Council is rife with corruption. If you make this move, you are no better!

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Sincerely,

Gina Viola ([she/her/hers](#))



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From: **Caitlin Mendoza-Price** <caitlinkmprice@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 10:34 AM
Subject: Against Redistricting No Bid
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Price

Sent from my iPhone



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Fwd: Commission Must Reject Item #2

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To: Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

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From: **Kennon B Raines** <kraines@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 12:11 PM
Subject: Commission Must Reject Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

The Commission must reject Item #2 and issue an amended RFP for map drawing services.

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Sincerely,
Ms Kennon B Raines



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From: **Milena Jankovic** <leeence@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 12:14 PM
Subject: Opposing item number 2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

I'm a resident of Del Rey and unable to attend the Zoom meeting today so I'm writing to ask the Commission to reject Item #2 and issue an amended RFP for map drawing services.

Last year 30 local, state, and national organizations asked for a more fair, independent, and transparent process. Even the LA Times joined that demand, calling the last redistricting process "a sham" that we could not repeat.

The City Council/mayor requested the commissions avoid hiring recent staff. Unlike the LA City Council Redistricting Commission, LAUSD's completely ignored that request when hiring it's Executive Director.

Instead of hiring a more neutral party, the commission now plans on giving the Executive Director the additional role of line drawer. This is wrong and unconscionable and will do a disservice to our community for years to come.

Respectfully,
Milena Jankovic
Los Angeles



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From: **Adam Smith** <anotheradamsmith@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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[Personalize with one of the talking points above to make the letter unique]

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Sincerely,

Adam Smith
He/Him
@WP4BL
[REDACTED]
@adamofthesmiths



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From: alix@kalaher.net <alixkalaher@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Sincerely,
Alix Kalaher



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From: **Greg Smith** <smithlawrencegreg@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 12:22 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Sincerely,
Gregory Smith
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From: **kristen studard** <hello.kristen@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 1:16 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

Keep corruption out of the redistricting commission!

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Sincerely,
Kristen Studard



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From: **Claire Savage** <clairejsavage@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 2:03 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Claire J Savage
(they/them/theirs)





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From: **emiliana dore** <emdore@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 7:52 PM

Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2

To: redistricting.lausd@lacity.org <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>, boardmembers@lausd.net
<boardmembers@lausd.net>

Over 30 local, state and national organizations - including the L.A. Times - have called for a more fair, independent and transparent redistricting process. After four long years of Trump and Betsy DeVos, progressive cities like Los Angeles cannot afford to indulge in the same shady politics-as-usual.

There is already a huge conflict of interest with the appointment of the Executive Director. Allowing him to act as the line drawer is both unethical and unacceptable. We demand an open and transparent redistricting process.

It is time for Los Angeles to live up to its promise as a true progressive model and a beacon of possibility.

Sincerely,

Emiliana Dore



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From: **Rebecca Himmelstein** <rlhimmel@umich.edu>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 4:51 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: redistricting.lausd@lacity.org <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

Draft Comment:

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca Himmelstein

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From: **Rose Reiss** <rok9570@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 11:53 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

Dear Honorable Commission,

The Commission must reject agenda item #2, confirmation of the Executive Director of the LAUSD Redistricting Commission.

A letter signed by thirty local, state, and national organizations asked for a fairer, independent, and transparent process. The LA Times joined that demand and called the last redistricting process "a sham" that we cannot repeat.

The City Council/mayor has requested the commissions avoid hiring recent staff. Unlike the LA City Council Redistricting Commission, LAUSD's has completely ignored that request when hiring its Executive Director. Instead of hiring a more neutral party, the commission now also plans on giving the Executive Director the additional role of line drawer.

There are several issues:

- a. Independence - The Executive Director has about two decades of experience in LA City Hall, including serving as the former council president's senior aide. This is a conflict of interest and gives this person even more power in the process.
- b. Circumvention of ex parte disclosures - Placing a City Hall insider in the role of line drawer offers a means for elected officials and staff to communicate with a key player while avoiding the reach of ex parte disclosure requirements.

Please vote NO on confirmation of the Executive Director and should follow the example set by LA City Council's Redistricting Commission and bar "current City employees and former City employees who have left City service within 12 months" from serving as Executive Director.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Rose Reiss
Los Angeles constituent CD11 and LAUSD BD4



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From: **jiyoung carolyn park** <jiyoungforla@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 1:48 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Sincerely,
"Jiyoung" Carolyn Park
[REDACTED]



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From: **WAYNE WILLIAMS** <wwclick@mac.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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We are talking about the communities TRUST and FAITH in the process of who they can chose for elected office not limited by a district drawn against their best interests and diluted representation. Placing a city hall insider in the role of line drawer offers a prime vehicle for elected officials and staff to communicate with a key player while avoiding the reach of ex parte disclosure requirements.

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Sincerely,

Wayne Williams
Board Member
California Clean Money Campaign



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From: **Ricci Sergienko** <riccisergienko@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

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Ricci Sergienko



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From: **Sabrina Johnson** <johnsonsabrina860@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 11:50 AM
Subject: Public Comment - Oppose Item #2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

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The Executive Director serving as line drawer presents a number of issues:

Independence:

The Executive Director has about 2 decades of experience in LA City Hall, including serving as the former council president's senior aide.

It undermines faith in the process to give this person even more power in the process.

Circumvention of ex parte disclosures:

Placing a city hall insider in the role of line drawer offers a prime vehicle for elected officials and staff to communicate with a key player while avoiding the reach of ex parte disclosure requirements.

Capacity:

Census delays present the commission with an enormous amount of work to accomplish during a short period of time.

Placing this additional role w/ the ED limits how quickly and efficiently the commission can complete it's work.

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Sabrina Johnson
Koreatown, Los Angeles





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Date: Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:49 PM
Subject: Public Comment Oppose item 2
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

May 25, 2021

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Thank you,

Tracy Cook

Resident of City Council 5 & LAUSD School Board 4



Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

Fwd: Public Comment

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To: Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>

Wed, May 26, 2021 at 3:18 PM

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From: **Idelle Davidson** <idelledavidson@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021 at 12:15 AM
Subject: Public Comment
To: <redistricting.lausd@lacity.org>

As a resident of Los Angeles and the parent of a child who attended Los Angeles City public schools, I am dismayed to hear that the Commission is not following best practices in hiring a line drawer. There needs to be an open process with competitive bidding for the position so that the public has confidence in the outcome.

Decisions made out of public view are immediately suspect. The voters of Los Angeles deserve better.

Sincerely,
Idelle Davidson



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Hi,
I'm writing to oppose hiring a city hall insider for the redistricting effort.
Thank you
Valerie Hurt
90048
LAUSD parent