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Re: Cork City Local Electoral Area Review.

As a current elected member of Cork County Council in the Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District I will as a result of the new Cork City Boundary extension contest the next Local Elections in the City.

It is true to say that the terms of reference for the Boundary Commission regarding the number of elected representatives was unexpected by all parties involved. It was at all times during negotiations and final agreements stated that an increase of public representation would be needed and required to ensure proper integration and representation for existing City and County areas.

I would ask that the commission gives regard to this and honours those agreements and in the best interest of democracy increase the number of City councillors to thirty nine as was recommended in the IOG Report.

I would also ask that the commission takes due care during its deliberations with regard to honouring natural community boundaries. Unfortunately in my current LEA we saw the village of Carrigaline cut in two in the last boundary change. The new extended City boundary will pose challenges in itself regarding the integration of the new areas and communities so at all times it is vital that communities are given due regard when deciding on the new boundary lines.

Thank you taking consideration of my submission.

Kind Regards

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