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Comments for Public Posting: I am the proud parent of two recent LAUSD graduates, and I would like to address the final map of the LAUSD Redistricting Commission. Please note well that more than one-third (38%) of the commissioners did not approve this final map. That figure reflects a real problem with the commission, its composition and its final work product. Of the commission's 13 members, 4 were once and future candidates for the LAUSD board, and 2 are board members of a highly partisan, aggressive, community-based organization with interests focused exclusively on their own turf. This jingoism is to the disadvantage of our entire public education system and the wellbeing of its 2/3 million students as a whole. At least 4 others of the commission's members are themselves once and future candidates for allied public office with allegiances forged for political purposes and associations having little if anything at all to do with "the children". Please consider very seriously the commission's recommendation that future incarnations of the redistricting commission be "independently" composed. But note, too, that this recommendation applies very much to the present incarnation – and its proposed map – as well. The present incarnation of the redistricting commission has been centered around political and partisan maneuvering from the get-go. The proof of this is that the generation and presentation of the maps under their consideration never once included a discussion of actual schools involved, their feeder patterns or attendance zones for middle and elementary schools. HS attendance zones are presently dated demographic artifacts, supplanted by the modern "Communities of Schools" designations. None of this was discussed, and none of its relevant data was made available to the public. There were many hindrances to public participation in the process. The tools available to the public were complicated, confusing and incomplete. The process was unclear how public participation would be integrated into official proceedings of the commission. Public outreach was essentially non-existent. Please consider carefully that the City Council has the mandate to consider another map. The Commission's recommendation is fatally flawed. Thank you.