

Communication from Public

Name: West of Westwood HOA
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 11:55 AM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7
Comments for Public Posting: WOWHOA members are WNC stakeholders. We support the WNC remaining in one council district, CD5, with communities with long time common interest.

November 3, 2021

**AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

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This letter is respectfully submitted by the West of Westwood Homeowners Association (WOWHOA), representing approximately 1200 households in Rancho Park. The WOWHOA members are Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) stakeholders. As seen in the attachment, the north and south boundaries of the WOWHOA are Pico Blvd. on the north and National Blvd. on the south.

Representatives of the WOWHOA and dozens of the residents that live within the WOWHOA area have submitted many letters and offered comment regarding the 2021 redistricting proposals, both at the LACCRC meetings and, most recently, directly to the City Council.

As the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee begins its deliberations, the WOWHOA wishes to reiterate the position and request that the WOWHOA, as one of the eight neighborhoods represented by the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC), remain in the same Council district as the other seven neighborhoods of the WNC.

The WNC has separately submitted its own letter to you asking that all eight neighborhoods be assigned to the same council district – CD5. The WOWHOA completely agrees and supports that position. Accordingly, we trust that the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee will understand the nearly 100-year history of the singularity and similarity of the eight neighborhoods here in the Westwood-Rancho Park-Century City-Cheviot Hills area.

The importance of assigning to one single Council district the communities represented by seven HOAs within the WNC area is of fundamental importance. Doing so would continue the wisdom of the 2001 and 2011 redistricting processes that corrected the egregious negative decisions made in 1991 (as explained in the WNC letter).

Sincerely,

Terri Tippit

Terri Tippit, President, West of Westwood HOA

West of Westwood HOA Boundaries / Sections

WESTERN SECTION

CENTRAL SECTION

EASTERN SECTION



Communication from Public

Name: David

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Los Angeles Council File Number: 20-0668-S7 To The Honorable Council President Martinez and Honorable Fellow Councilmembers: Thank you for your dedicated service, and all of your time and effort to create an equitable map for the City of Los Angeles. I urge you to please keep the areas of Beverlywood, Pico-Robertson, Fairfax-Beverly, Hancock Park, Mid-Wilshire-La Brea, Bel-Air, and Westwood together in CD5 in the final map to be voted upon by the Los Angeles City Council. My family and I reside in the Beverlywood-Pico/Robertson neighborhood of Los Angeles and I grew up in the Fairfax/Beverly - Hancock Park neighborhood. My friends and family continue to live in many of the other areas that comprise CD5. We ask that you protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish City Council District 5, which has given our community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism and protecting our safety, as well as the voice to uplift our culture City-wide. Please don't harm our community by voting to separate these connected areas from CD5 after these areas have historically being together for 70 years. By submitting this request, we are advocating on behalf of our Jewish community - and not at the expense of any other community. Thank you kindly for your consideration. Thank you very much. Respectfully, David H.

Communication from Public

Name: Shatto Alliance

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 02:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Redistricting Commission 2021, and the Ad Hoc Committee: Honestly, for the general public this redistricting plan is opaque, and impossible to tell what is driving this revised map. I think it would be incumbent on this commission to really explain the process better, especially at this time of loss of trust due to corruption identified in your ranks. There has to be a more comprehensive way to explain this, in plain language, before shoving it through approvals. Now, that said, We would like to address our own neighborhood's situation. We are the Shatto Neighborhood Alliance-- now several hundred members-- including business owners, major multi-family building owners and HOA Boards, and a diverse group of residents. We live in Rampart Village, surrounding Shatto Park, which is currently under CD13. We want to remain under CD13, and have a good working relationship with their office after years of work to make that happen. The proposed map changes split our neighborhood literally in two. We have had an extremely tough time with crime, public safety, and accessibility due to the homeless situation in our neighborhood. We are just starting to turn the corner on this situation by thankfully getting Shatto Park approved by Council as a sensitive use site. Also, as a community we have begun to turn the corner in the sense of really coming together to deal with our quality of life, and fight for what we want. Splitting us up- literally down the middle of 4th street where the problems are worst, is only going to create further disruption and coordination issues with relatively no payoff we can discern. Please keep our neighborhood intact, and please let us know the reasoning behind this local division. Best, Shatto Neighborhood Alliance

Communication from Public

Name: ken Min

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to split my neighbor's district into half. Please keep the Shatto park neighbor staying with District 13. We have also spent the last 3 years developing a working relationship with CD13 and do not want to have our voice split and scattered.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:12 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Denise

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the breakup of our community. We should stay in CD13 and not be assimilated into CD1. It could have many negative consequences including putting our recent win concerning homelessness at risk. We have also spent the last 3 years developing a working relationship with CD13 and do not want to have our voice split and scattered. We are a unique and diverse community that should not be assimilated into CD1!

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Name: Mary Streit

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:10 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: MR JEFFREY M SILVERMAN

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Communication from Public

Name: Adam R

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez and fellow Councilmembers, Thank you for all of your time and effort to create an equitable map for LA City. Please protect the ensure that the Jewish community in LA stays together in CD 5 which has given our community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as protecting our interests. Please keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverlywood, Pico / Robertson, Fairfax / Beverly area, Mid-Wilshire/La Brea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map. Thank you, Adam

Communication from Public

Name: STEPHEN WALLIS

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 05:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY oppose Gil Cedillo's motion to move Harvard Heights (the community between 11th Street and Washington Blvd, Western Ave and Normandie Ave) from CD-10 to CD-1. Harvard Heights does NOT want to be separated from its sister communities to the west and south with which it has been historically linked for generations. And, Harvard Heights would be separated from the other communities in its neighborhood council. DO NOT separate Harvard Heights from its historic neighbors. Leave it in CD-10!!

Communication from Public

Name: Eileen Ehmann

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 05:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of Harvard Heights, which is part of Historic West Adams, in CD-10. I read that CD-1 is trying to pull our small pocket of Harvard Heights away from CD-10 and into CD-1. I am strongly opposed to that change. I've lived in Harvard Heights for 23 years and our neighborhood has worked closely with Herb Wesson on community improvement projects and continued that work with the current staff under Mark Ridley-Thomas, despite his legal battles. We also work very closely with our neighboring CD-10 communities on a wide range of shared issues, problems, and community projects. Our removal from CD-10 would cease the momentum we've created in many of our HH groups and committees regarding these projects. Our neighborhood associations are very upset about the unnecessary change and the potential loss of relationships with staff and city entities currently in partnership with us. I respectfully request that this attempt by CD-1 be denied. Please leave CD-10 boundaries as currently defined and let us continue on our own path toward widespread community improvement. Thank you for considering my request. Sincerely, Eileen Ehmann Proud CD-10 member of Harvard Heights

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect council district 5 !!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Kelson

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Encino needs to be in one district. Our Neighborhood Council is Mulholland on the South, Burbank on the North, the I-405 on the East and Lindley Ave on the West. On October 21, late into the evening, suddenly over 10,000 Encino residents N of Burbank were thrown under the bus. Encino is happy to share the Sepulveda Basin with Reseda and Lake Balboa. PLEASE CORRECT this error.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: In the redistricting commission's proposed map, Los Angeles City Council Districts 2 and 4 are almost entirely moved from their current locations. As a resident of the current District 4, I see this as an anti-democratic effort to overturn the decisions of the Districts' voters. I voted for Councilmember Raman and do not support a redistricting that would move all of those who voted for her into a different district, leaving us with representation we did not vote for and Councilmember Raman with none of her original constituency. I am sure residents of District 2 feel similarly. Council President Nury Martinez has spoken out against the proposed map and called for the City Council to create an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee to redraw the proposed district boundaries. I support creation of this new committee to ensure a fair redistricting effort free of gerrymandering!

Communication from Public

Name: John Cha
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7
Comments for Public Posting: Honorable City Council Members: Please do not remove Rampart Village and Shatto Park neighborhood from CD 13. Also, please do not divide Rampart Village and Shatto Park neighborhood into different districts. We are a long time community here and greatly wish to remain together and a part of CD 13.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Storch

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Gluck

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez and fellow Councilmembers, Thank you for all your time and effort to create an equitable map for the City of Los Angeles. I write to advocate on behalf of the Jewish community and not at the expense of any other community. I ask that this Committee and the Council keep the historic core of the Jewish community on the westside intact uniting the neighborhoods of Westwood, Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, Beverlywood, Pico Robertson, Beverly Grove, Fairfax and specifically unites the orthodox community in Hancock Park with the rest of this core. No redistricting process since 1950 has separated this historic core and I ask that it continues to remain intact in Council District 5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Thank you, Lisa Gluck

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Castillo
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:48 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7
Comments for Public Posting: As a 40 year constituent and resident of Harvard Height in CD-10, please know that I FIRMLY reject the notion of being blended into CD-1. Again, Harvard Heights wants to remain in CD-10 and does NOT want to be shifted into CD-1.

Communication from Public

Name: Adeena Bleich

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 06:58 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 07:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: My family has lived in Harvard Heights for 30+ years. We have learned that that Harvard Heights may be moved from CD-10 to CD-1. We strongly urge the decision-makers to keep us in CD-10. My neighbors and I all want to remain in CD-10. Please do not move us.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Fuller
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 07:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the West Adams Heights-Sugar Hill neighborhood, which is part of the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council area and the Harvard Heights HPOZ. On November 2, Councilmember Cedillo entered a motion (46 B) to amend the Redistricting Commission's recommended Map K 2.5 by moving our adjacent Harvard Heights neighborhood (from 11th St. to Washington Blvd. and Western Ave. to Normandie Ave.) from CD 10 to CD1. This move makes absolutely no sense for our Neighborhood Council area, for our HPOZ, or for the historic neighborhood of Harvard Heights, which has long been united with the other communities in these groups in CD 10. Our local historic neighborhoods are very closely affiliated, have much in common, and all have very long term working relationships with each other and CD 10. Please keep Harvard Heights together in the same council district (CD 10) as the rest of the Harvard Heights HPOZ, and the other communities in the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council area. With no sitting councilmember to speak for our area in this process, Mr. Cedillo's motion feels particularly unfair, and akin to a fox raiding an unguarded henhouse. Please do not let this happen, and please keep Harvard Heights in CD10.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 07:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of West Adams (Cambridge street) and I would like to strongly state that I do not wish to be part of CD1. Our area was finally reunited with the other side of Venice and I have no desire for us to be separated again.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Greenberg

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the final map that the redistricting commission has submitted to the LA City council. They placed Rampart Village into CD 1. Rampart Village has nothing in common with CD 1 that has Pico Union, Westlake and McCarthur Park. I am the President of the Virgil Courts HOA association that is composed of 90 homeowners. We are on Virgil and 5th. We are located in a quiet residential neighborhood. We are also racially diverse, mainly composed of Asian descent because we are close to Filipino Town. This area has nothing in common with Gil Cedillos district. We have been in CD 13 for over 30 years. Also we have formed tight relationships with our neighbors. The current proposed map splits up the Shatto community into 2 different communities. We want to stay intact with our neighbors. We have seen much crime worsen here recently and we want to stay intact. The map splits us up from Shatto Park and puts the rest of us in CD 1. Like I said, if you know the demographic composition here, we have nothing in common in Gil Cedillo's district 1.. The map for CD 13 needs to include us up to Hoover Street (on the east side) like it always has been. We are a unique community and we don't belong in CD 1. Please keep us intact with our neighbors and let us remain in district 13.

Communication from Public

Name: Bob Anderson (Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, SOHA)

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: November 5, 2021 Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting - AGENDA ITEM 2 Dear Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Members, SOHA has been working on redistricting since October 2020. Our Redistricting Committee Chair, Bob Anderson, has participated in and spoken at multiple Commission meetings and submitted several recommendation letters. To be ready for 2021 redistricting, we began studying 2001 and 2011 redistricting more than a year ago. SOHA submitted our first redistricting recommendations letter in December 2020 to the just-formed 2021 Redistricting Commission. SOHA has always had and continues to have only two consistent redistricting recommendations. First, that the Sherman Oaks Community (including POSO, Part of Sherman Oaks) remain whole in a single council district. Second, that the Valley gets its fair share of districts with a single Valley-majority bridge district. Our first recommendation focuses solely on our community. Our second takes a broader view of fairness for the entire San Fernando Valley. Both are important to us. The November 2nd City Council meeting had significant discussions on the Commission's approved map and its 5.7 Valley districts. We have attached SOHA's December 17, 2020 letter to the Commission and hope you will read it because it provides important background on why having 5.7 Valley districts is truly the Valley's fair share for 2021. When Bob wrote the letter in 2020, census data would not be available for another nine months. But the letter explained how to determine the Valley's fair share of districts once census data was available. And that fair share is indeed 5.7 districts with a single 70% Valley-majority bridge district. The letter also explained how the 2011 Redistricting Commission unfairly disenfranchised almost 30,000 Valley residents when they created two undersized Valley-minority bridge districts (CD4 and CD5) and how to ensure that never happened again. More importantly -- the 2001 Redistricting Commission achieved essentially a perfect population balance between the Valley and rest of the City. They did it in 2001 and we can all work together to do it again in 2021. SOHA has seen strong support for our Valley-wide fairness recommendation. In an early statement to the Commission, the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) strongly supported having only a single bridge district from the Valley to

the balance of the City. VICA also later noted that the Valley was deprived of about 28,000 residents in 2011 because the 2011 Redistricting Commission made the VALley's five full districts overly large, thereby crowding out the two bridge districts. This was not fair in 2011 redistricting and should be corrected in 2021. I hope this background information assists you in your deliberations on the final City Council District map. I would be pleased to discuss this with you or your staff if you think that would be helpful. I apologize for not speaking at your first meeting, but I am also on the Board of Directors for the California Science & Engineering Fair. We have a long-scheduled working meeting on student scheduling algorithms for the virtual 2022 Fair at the same time as the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting . Thank you. Bob Anderson Board Member and Chair, Redistricting Committee Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

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December 17, 2020

Los Angeles City Council 2021 Redistricting Commission
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Subject: Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association 2021 Redistricting Recommendations for Sherman Oaks and the San Fernando Valley

Dear Commissioners,

Sherman Oaks is a united 73,000-person community on the southern border of the San Fernando Valley at the Sepulveda Pass. Sherman Oaks is also the most vulnerable Valley community during redistricting. It sits on a portion of the Valley boundary where council districts historically cross the hill into the Valley. The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) represents about 2,400 Sherman Oaks families. **We are very concerned about what could happen to our community during 2021 redistricting.**



In 2001 redistricting, Sherman Oaks was split between two council districts – CD2 to the north and CD5 to the south. In 2011 redistricting, our community asked to be restored into one single district and this mostly happened. But doing so unfortunately made us an appendage to gerrymandered over-the-hill district CD4 and disconnected us from all our adjacent and natural communities of interest. We are asking the 2021 Redistricting Commission’s help to equitably rectify this situation.

We reviewed what happened in 2011 redistricting to better understand what could happen in 2021. We studied the 2001 and 2011 redistricting commission reports and relevant Council File 11-0187-S3 information. We learned that the Valley unfairly ended up with two districts shared over the hill with the rest of the city instead of a single potentially Valley-majority shared district. We also learned that Valley district populations were unfairly balanced to the rest of the city, losing the Valley’s two over-the-hill districts about 28,000 residents that they deserved. We want to ensure such outcomes do not repeat in 2021.

SOHA proposes two critical goals that eliminate the inequities suffered by Sherman Oaks and the Valley during 2011 redistricting and give us our equitable fair share. We recommend the 2021 Redistricting Commission adopt these critical goals and build them into the redistricting process.

- ***Single Shared District Goal*** – The Valley and Westside share only one single compact council district and that district is fully contiguous in the Valley and includes the entire Sherman Oaks community.
- ***Fair Population Balance Goal*** – The average population of all full Valley districts equals the average population of all 15 council districts.

If these two goals had been adopted in 2011 redistricting, the Valley would have had five full districts and one single over-the-hill shared Council District 5. This district, comprising Sherman Oaks, Encino, and other adjacent communities of interest, would have had a 62 percent Valley-majority population in 2011 and an opportunity for the district to elect its own Valley-based councilmember.

We ask for this opportunity in 2021 redistricting – a single over-the-hill shared district and equitable balancing of the Valley’s population. We know this is simply the right and fair thing to do, even though it means Sherman Oaks must again sadly change districts. The 2011 commission restored Sherman Oaks into a single council district which greatly strengthened our community. We now ask the 2021 commission to reconnect us with our adjacent communities of interest.

SOHA is also concerned about when we might learn how many 2021 districts the Valley deserves. As 2020 census data won’t be available until at least early April 2021, no one will know the Valley’s fair share of the city’s population until then. The Valley share increased slightly based on the 2010 census and will probably change again. Once 2020 census data is available, we offer a simple tool to quickly determine the Valley’s fair share of districts. We call this the **2021 Valley Magic Number** because it accurately predicts the overall fate of Sherman Oaks and the Valley during 2021 redistricting. The magic number tells us the number of full Valley districts and the fair portion of Valley residents in over-the-hill shared districts.

<p style="text-align: center;">Valley’s Deserved Fair Share of 2021 Council Districts</p> $\frac{\text{2021 Valley Population}}{\text{2021 Total City Population}} \times 15 \text{ Council Districts} = \text{2021 Valley Magic Number}$
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We urge the commission to publicize this number, or the data to determine it, as quickly as possible after 2020 census data is available. It will give the public critical knowledge to help them during outreach.

The attached *SOHA Detailed Review and Recommendations for 2021 City Council Redistricting* provides further information and rationale for our recommended goals. We will be glad to answer any questions about our 2021 redistricting recommendations and have a short presentation that we would be honored to give to the 2021 Redistricting Commission via Zoom. We plan to submit further comments and recommendations as the redistricting process progresses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Bob Anderson
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Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
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Attached: *SOHA Detailed Review and Recommendations for 2021 City Council Redistricting*

cc: Councilmember Nithya Raman (CD4), Jessica Salans (CD4 Co-Chief of Staff), Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD5), Joan Pelico (CD5 Chief of Staff), Councilmember Paul Krekorian (CD2), Karo Torossian (CD2 Chief of Staff), Council President Nury Martinez (CD6), Ackley Padilla (CD6 Chief of Staff), Jeffrey Hartsough (President, Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council), Tammy Scher (Chair, Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce), Leslie Elkan (President, Village at Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District)

SOHA Detailed Review and Recommendations for 2021 City Council Redistricting

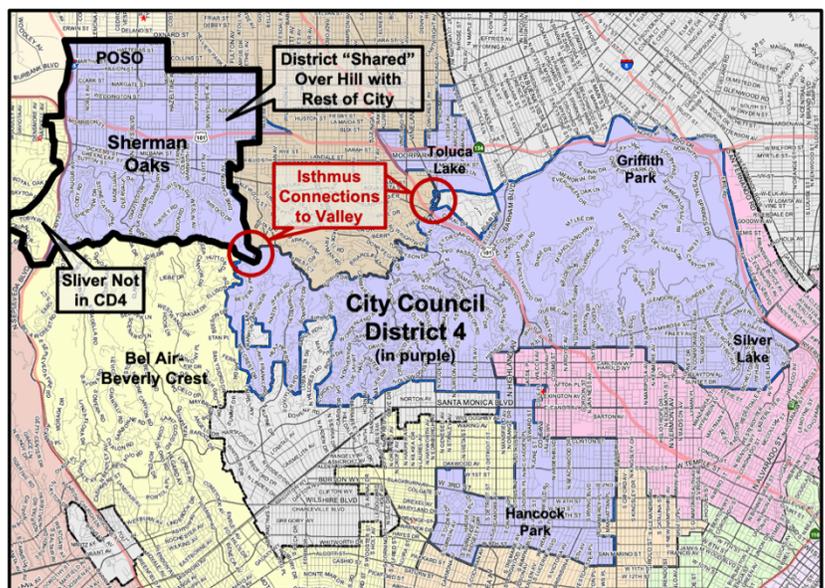
The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association recommends the City Council Redistricting Commission adopt two critical goals to ensure Sherman Oaks and the Valley receive their fair share in 2021 redistricting.

- Single Shared District Goal – The Valley and Westside share only one single compact council district and that district is fully contiguous in the Valley and includes the entire Sherman Oaks community.
- Fair Population Balance Goal – The average population of all full Valley districts equals the average population of all 15 council districts.

These goals are consistent with the city’s foundational redistricting elements that specify districts must: (1) be as equal in population as practicable; (2) be drawn in conformance with state and federal law; (3) keep neighborhoods and communities intact to the extent feasible; (4) utilize natural boundaries or street lines to the extent feasible; and (5) be geographically compact to the extent feasible.

What Happened in 2011 Redistricting?

SOHA reviewed 2011 redistricting to better understand what could and should happen in 2021. In 2011, SOHA requested that Sherman Oaks be entirely in a single district and this mostly happened. Unfortunately, we also became an appendage to Council District 4. Some call CD4 the most convoluted and gerrymandered district in the city’s history. As shown in *Map 1*, the district extends from Sherman Oaks to Griffith Park, Silver Lake, and Hancock Park. CD4 included most of Sherman Oaks including POSO, Part of Sherman Oaks, added by council action in July 2009 (council file 08-2758). However, CD4 did not include the sliver of Sherman Oaks west of the 405.



Map 1. Council District 4 Is the Most Gerrymandered in LA

Sherman Oaks was gerrymandered to CD4 with a tiny “isthmus” connection between our community and the Westside. Toluca Lake was connected to CD4 with another isthmus. Isthmus connections create a perception of contiguity where it doesn’t really exist. Sherman Oaks was also not contiguous with Toluca Lake in CD4. Worse yet, we were disconnected on all four sides from our adjacent natural communities of interest. An example is the adjacent Bel Air-Beverly Crest community where Sherman Oaks shares strong communities of interest concerning Metro’s Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and traffic. CD4 also failed the geographically compact redistricting requirement. CD4 is not the appropriate home for Sherman Oaks.

Valley Should Have Had Single Shared District in 2011 Redistricting

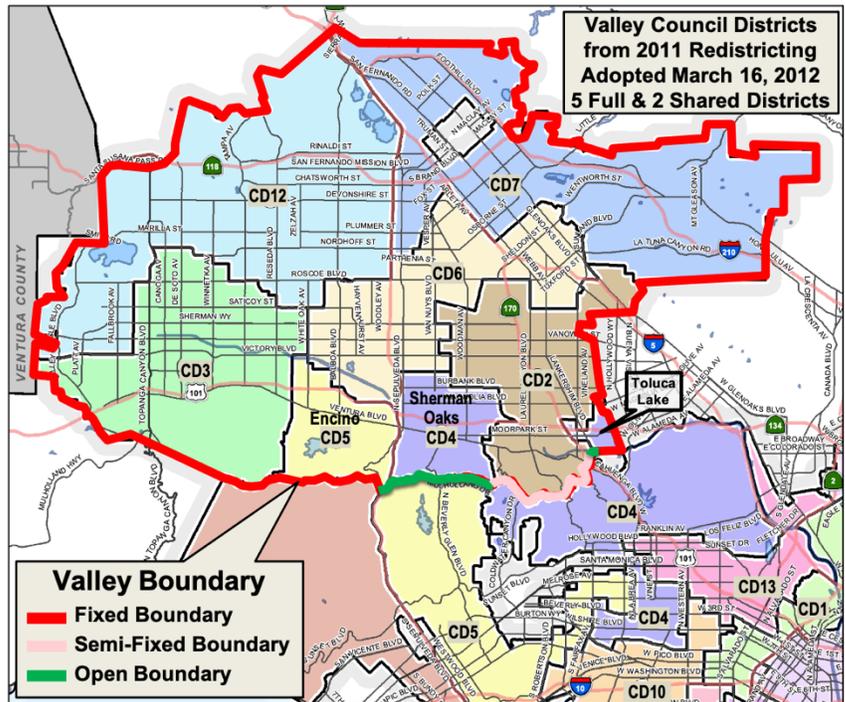
In 2011, Sherman Oaks should have become part of a single contiguous Valley district shared over the hill with the Westside. SOHA understands that redistricting council district boundaries is horribly complex and akin to a geographically, politically, and mathematically constrained jigsaw puzzle. LA’s council districts had become significantly unbalanced in the decade between 2001 redistricting and 2011. Some districts gained as much as 8 percent in population, while others lost at much as 5 percent. At the same time, the total city population increased only 2.7 percent – not huge growth over a decade. But these imbalances slightly increased the proportion of population in the Valley. This increase was enough to allow a single Valley district shared over the hill with the Westside. Unfortunately, it did not happen.

Map 2 shows the Valley’s council districts from 2011 redistricting. The Valley had seven council districts. Five are full districts entirely within the Valley boundary (CD2, CD3, CD6, CD7, and CD12). Two are shared districts that cross over the hill (CD4 and CD5). Sherman Oaks and Toluca Lake are in CD4 (purple on map). Encino is in CD5 (yellow on map).

The red, pink, and green lines show the Valley boundary. Mostly the boundary is red and fixed. A district cannot cross the red boundary because it is adjacent to a different city or county or blocked by uninhabited mountains.

The pink semi-fixed boundary is on the south side of CD2 along Mulholland Drive. CD2 has historically been a Valley council district that has not crossed over the hill. The pink semi-fixed boundary tends to act like a red fixed boundary.

The green open boundary runs along Mulholland Drive south of Sherman Oaks, with another small section south of Toluca Lake. Sherman Oaks’ entire southern boundary is green and open. For two decades, Sherman Oaks or a major part of it has been in a district that crosses over the hill. This is why we are so vulnerable and concerned during 2021 redistricting.

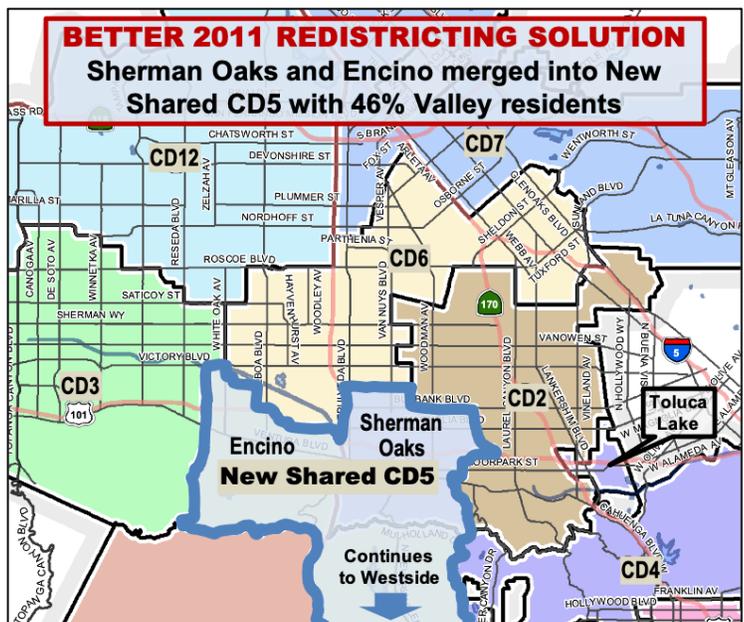


Map 2. Impenetrable Valley Boundary Is Sherman Oaks’ Vulnerability

Sherman Oaks and Valley Deserved Better Solution in 2011 Redistricting

In 2011, the Valley should have had only one single shared district extending from the Valley over the Sepulveda Pass to the Westside, instead of two smaller shared districts that both crossed over the Pass (CD4 and CD5). In addition, CD4 had two separate geographic locations in the Valley – Sherman Oaks and Toluca Lake – that were not contiguous within the Valley. All this diminished each district’s power in the City Council. It also disconnected natural and adjacent communities of interest.

Map 3 illustrates what could have happened in 2011 redistricting. Sherman Oaks and Encino could have been merged into a single shared district, necessarily CD5 due to geographic constraints. This New Shared CD5 would have had a 46 percent Valley population. If Toluca Lake had also desired to merge into CD2, the New Shared CD5 population would have been about 126,000 residents – a 51 percent Valley majority. This is a better solution, but not the ultimate solution that we describe later in this document.



Map 3. Sherman Oaks and Valley Could Have Had This Better Valley-Majority Redistricting Solution in 2011

SOHA’s First Proposed Goal – Single Shared District

Our first proposed goal ensures that Valley has only a single shared district that is itself contiguous within the Valley, preventing a non-contiguous split as occurred with Sherman Oaks and Toluca Lake in 2011. It further ensures that the entire Sherman Oaks community is in one single council district.

- Single Shared District Goal – The Valley and Westside share only one single compact council district and that district is fully contiguous in the Valley and includes the entire Sherman Oaks community.

This goal fairly and equitably fulfills both the physical compactness and contiguity redistricting requirements. It also maintains connections with natural and adjacent communities of interest. Most importantly, it eliminates any taint of any actual or perceived district gerrymandering as occurred in 2011.

Valley Over-the-Hill Shared Districts Also Shortchanged in 2011 Redistricting

In 2011 redistricting, district populations were adjusted within 2.5 percent above or below each other. This “wobble room” or deviation is fair if used properly to maintain communities of interest, but unfair if it creates detrimental unintended consequences. That happened in 2011 redistricting and the Valley’s shared districts CD4 and CD5 together lost about 28,000 residents that they deserved.

It’s easy to determine how many districts the Valley deserved in 2011. The Valley population was 1,419,833 and the overall city population was 3,792,711 (*Final City Council Adopted Data*, March 16, 2012). The Valley simply deserves its fair proportion of the city’s 15 council districts.

Valley’s Deserved Fair Share of 2011 Council Districts		
Valley Population 1,419,833	×	15 Council Districts = 5.62 Valley Districts
Total City Population 3,792,711		

Having 5.62 Valley districts is a very meaningful number. The “5” means the Valley deserves 5 full districts. The “.62” means the Valley deserves an additional 62 percent of a district. This 62 percent can be in one or more shared districts. In 2011 redistricting, the 62 percent was split between CD4 and CD5. Together, they should have had 62 percent Valley population. Sherman Oaks had 28 percent CD4 population and Toluca Lake had another 5 percent. Encino had 18 percent CD5 population. These all add to only 51 percent, not the deserved 62 percent. CD4 and CD5 together were shortchanged by 11 percent – about 28,000 residents.

Table 1 illustrates how this happened. It lists district populations in 2011 redistricting from most populous to least populous district (*Final City Council Adopted Data*, March 16, 2012). The portion of each district’s population in the Valley is also listed. The seven Valley districts shown in bold are noted as either full or shared districts.

The five full Valley districts are all above average population (above the red line). The average population of these districts is 2.3 percent above that of all 15 districts citywide. This doesn’t sound like much, but 2.3 percent of five full districts is about 28,000 residents – exactly the same number that CD4 and CD5 together lost. The Valley’s five huge districts simply squeezed out the Valley’s two shared districts. That was not fair.

The Valley’s five full districts should have had the same average population as all 15 districts citywide. It is not difficult to do. The 2001 redistricting commission did it. The 2001 average population of all five full Valley districts was 0.08 percent less than the citywide average.

Table 1. Valley’s Five Huge Full Districts Squeezed Out Valley’s Two Shared Districts

Councilmember	Population	In Valley
CD7 Rodriguez (full)	259,254	259,254
CD12 Lee (full)	259,073	259,073
CD6 Martinez (full)	259,070	259,070
CD3 Blumenfield (full)	259,045	259,045
CD10 Ridley-Thomas	256,962	0
CD2 Krekorian (full)	Above Average 256,804	256,804
CD5 Koretz (shared)	Below Average 253,692	43,981
CD11 Bonin	251,931	0
CD15 Buscaino	251,432	0
CD4 Raman (shared)	248,326	82,606
CD1 Cedillo	248,134	0
CD14 de León	247,883	0
CD13 O’Farrell	247,862	0
CD8 Harris-Dawson	246,691	0
CD9 Price	246,552	0
Total	3,792,711	1,419,833

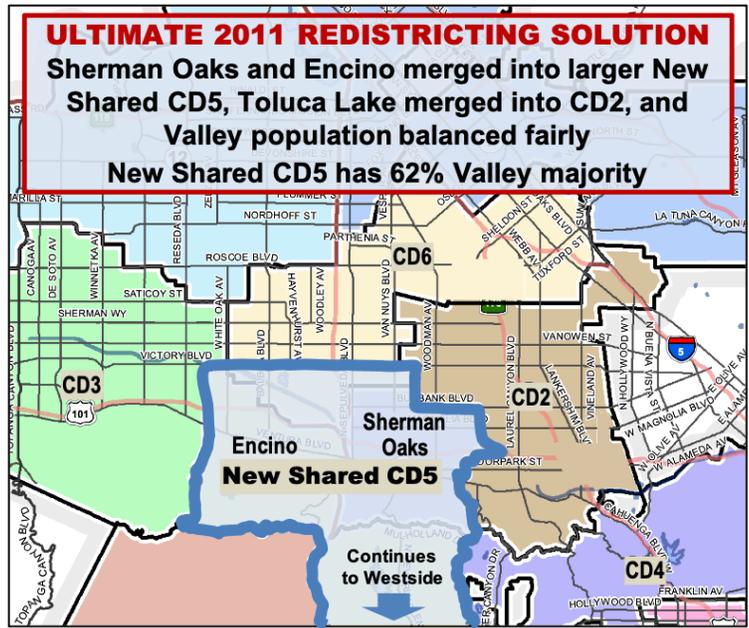
Sherman Oaks and Valley Should Have Had Ultimate Solution in 2011 Redistricting

In 2011 redistricting, in addition to the Valley having only one single shared district over the hill, that single shared district should have had significantly more Valley population – about 28,000 more. This would have happened if Valley district populations had been fairly and properly balanced to the rest of the city.

Map 4 illustrates what this type of solution might have looked like in 2011 redistricting. We already explained how Sherman Oaks and Encino should have merged into one single shared district called the New Shared CD5. Toluca Lake could also have naturally merged into CD2. We recommended our first proposed goal to accomplish these actions.

We now further improve these merged districts by fairly balancing the Valley’s full district populations to what they should have been. This is the ultimate solution that should have occurred in 2011 redistricting.

As a result, New Shared CD5 would have gained an additional 28,000 residents. The district would have grown a bit into adjacent communities, such as Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, or Studio City, to accommodate the added population. New Shared CD5 would have become one single, compact, and contiguous shared district with a Valley population of about 154,000 residents – a 62 percent Valley-majority population. New Shared CD5 is the district that the Valley should have had in 2011.



Map 4. Sherman Oaks and Valley Should Have Had This Ultimate Redistricting Solution in 2011

SOHA’s Second Proposed Goal – Fair Population Balance

Our second proposed goal ensures that Valley district populations are fairly balanced against the rest of the city to eliminate the unbalanced situation that occurred in 2011. The goal simply requires the average population of all full Valley districts in 2021 redistricting to equal the overall city average district population. This is not hard and was accomplished by the 2001 commission.

- **Fair Population Balance Goal** – The average population of all full Valley districts equals the average population of all 15 council districts.

This goal gives the Valley a fair share of population in its districts and fulfills the redistricting population equality requirement. Since the goal applies only to the overall average population of all full Valley districts, it does not constrain the 2021 commission’s ability to adjust individual district populations within the Valley using available population wiggle room. This goal leads to a stronger and well-deserved Valley position in the city council. It even gives the Valley a fair chance to elect another Valley-based councilmember.

SOHA recommends that the 2021 Redistricting Commission adopt both of our proposed goals – the Single Shared District Goal and Fair Population Balance Goal – and incorporate them into the redistricting process.

What Could Happen in 2021 Redistricting

As in 2011 redistricting, public outreach in 2021 redistricting will begin months before 2020 census data is available. This gives communities the opportunity to communicate their concerns and desires to the commission before initial redistricting maps are drawn. It also heightens the importance of communities understanding what happened in 2011 redistricting, predicting what could happen in 2021, and conveying what should happen to ensure fairness and equality. These are challenges for the commission and public.

We offer a tool to help predict the overall fate of Sherman Oaks and the Valley. We call it the **2021 Valley Magic Number** and it's simply the number of districts that the Valley deserves based on overall population.

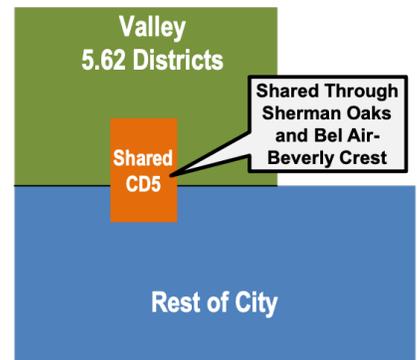
Valley's Deserved Fair Share of 2021 Council Districts

$$\frac{\text{2021 Valley Population}}{\text{2021 Total City Population}} \times 15 \text{ Council Districts} = \text{2021 Valley Magic Number}$$

The Valley Magic Number in 2011 redistricting was 5.62 districts. This meant the Valley deserved five full districts and an additional 62 percent of a shared district or districts. The Valley Magic Number was 5.2 to 5.3 in 2001 redistricting. SOHA feels the 2021 Valley Magic Number should be between 5.20 and 6.00 districts, unless there are some very drastic populations imbalances uncovered in the 2020 census.

SOHA recommends that the commission provide the 2021 Valley Magic Number, or the data needed to calculate it, as quickly as possible after 2020 census data is available. The number provides many insights to the commission and the public. It will be invaluable in understanding the district split between the Valley and rest of the city.

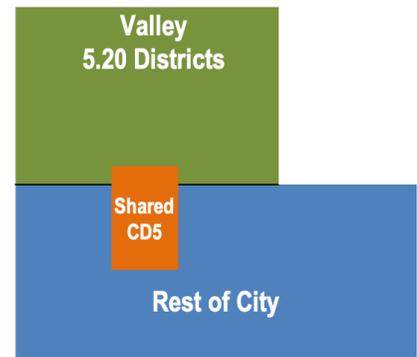
If the 2021 Valley Magic Number is 5.62 as it was for 2011 redistricting and both of SOHA's proposed critical goals are adopted, the Valley would have the single Shared CD5 district that it deserved in 2011 redistricting. *Pictorial 1* depicts the Valley, rest of the city, and Shared CD5 as simple blocks and shows how they interact. With a 2021 Valley Magic Number of 5.62, the Valley would have five full districts and Shared CD5 would have a 62 percent Valley majority, as shown by the orange block.



Pictorial 1. If Magic Number Same 5.62 Districts as 2011

The 2021 Valley Magic Number could very possibly be higher or lower than 5.62, depending on census results. No one will know until after census data is available in early April 2021. It should not take long to determine the magic number and the overall proportion of Valley districts.

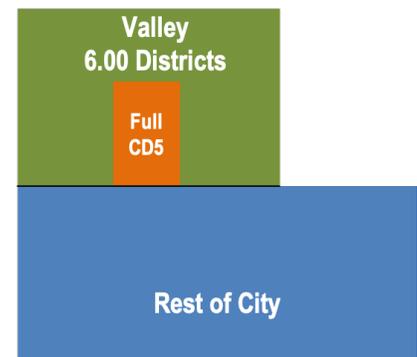
If the 2021 magic number is as low as 5.20, as depicted in *Pictorial 2*, the Valley would still have five full districts, but Shared CD5 district would only have 20 percent Valley population. This would probably accommodate the entire Encino community (which was 18 percent in 2011) but would not also accommodate the entire Sherman Oaks community (28 percent in 2011) or Toluca Lake (5 percent in 2011).



Pictorial 2. If Magic Number Is Lower at 5.20 Districts

The magic number would have to be at least 5.45 for Shared CD5 to completely accommodate both Sherman Oaks and Encino. There is a good chance it could be that high. If the magic number is 5.51 or higher, the Valley has a majority population in Shared CD5.

If the 2021 Valley Magic Number is 6.00, the Valley would truly deserve six full districts and no shared district, as depicted in *Pictorial 3*. This is not highly probable, but a somewhat lower magic number is. For example, if the 2021 magic number is 5.80, Shared CD5 would have an 80 percent Valley majority.



Pictorial 3. If Magic Number Is Higher at 6.00 Districts

Thank You!

For further information, please contact Bob Anderson, Chair, SOHA Redistricting Committee at BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com or (213) 364-7470.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez and fellow Councilmembers, Thank you for all of your time and effort to create an equitable map for LA City. We advocate on behalf of the Jewish community and not at the expense of any other community. We ask that you protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish Council District 5 which has given this community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as the voice to uplift our culture City wide. Please keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverly Wood, Pico-Robertson, Fairfax-Beverly area, Mid-Wilshire/Labrea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Thank you, Jasmin

Communication from Public

Name: Dennis Leski

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Harvard Heights, presently in Council District 10. We identify strongly with the adjoining neighborhoods in the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, which are to the West and South. We also are generally regarded as being part of the West Adams area. I oppose removing Harvard Height from CD10 and instead adding it as an extension to CD 1 which is entirely to the Northeast. Removing Harvard Heights from XCD10 will disrupt established working relationships developed over years of working together in the United Neighborhoods. Also, I do not believe CD 1 has the same community interests as we enjoy in Harvard Heights.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Wishon

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: The thrust of our comments – unified from all of our stakeholders -- is straightforward. The basic and fundamental objective requested by the WNC has been – and remains today -- is to have the entirety of the WNC assigned to one single Council district, particularly CD 5 in view of the commonality of interests with other Westside communities located within the overall sphere of influence centered on UCLA, a historical fact dating back nearly 100 years. I am writing on behalf of the California Country Club Homes Association in Cheviot Hills and as the member of the Westside Neighborhood Council that represents my HOA. This letter expresses the HOA's concerns and recommendations for the Westside Neighborhood Council neighborhoods and business communities located both NORTH and SOUTH of Pico Blvd.:
North of Pico Blvd: 1. Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA 2. Overland Avenue Community HOA 3. Century Glen HOA 4. Century City Residential areas South of Pico Blvd.: 1. West of Westwood HOA1 2. Westwood Gardens Civic Assn. HOA 2 3. Cheviot Hills HOA 4. California Country Club Homes Association HOA
The WNC, as described above, is a very active neighborhood council that works together in unison on many matters of importance to the City of Los Angeles. I respectfully resubmit these comments to the Ad Hoc Committee as a member of one of the HOAs represented by the WNC. The boundaries of the WNC are defined in Section 1 of the bylaws: I. NORTH by Santa Monica Boulevard; II. EAST by a border including the properties fronting on the eastern side Century Park East from Santa Monica Boulevard to Pico Boulevard then westerly along Pico Boulevard then southerly along Motor Avenue then along Monte Mar Drive southeasterly then southerly along Anchor Avenue extending past Anchor Avenue's cul-de-sac to connect with Club Drive until Club Drive connects with National Boulevard; III. SOUTH by a border of National Boulevard extending from the San Diego Freeway (405) to Overland Boulevard, then southerly along Overland Boulevard to the Santa Monica Freeway (10), then easterly along the Santa Monica Freeway (10) to the National Boulevard exit; and IV. WEST by the San Diego Freeway (405).



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I am writing on behalf of the California Country Club Homes Association (CCCHA) in Cheviot Hills and as the member of the Westside Neighborhood Council that represents my HOA.

This letter expresses the HOA's concerns and recommendations for the Westside Neighborhood Council neighborhoods and business communities located both NORTH and SOUTH of Pico Blvd.:

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1. Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA
2. Overland Avenue Community HOA
3. Century Glen HOA
4. Century City Residential areas

South of Pico Blvd.:

1. West of Westwood HOA 1
2. Westwood Gardens Civic Assn. HOA 2
3. Cheviot Hills HOA
4. **California Country Club Homes Association HOA**

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I respectfully resubmit these comments to the Ad Hoc Committee as a member of one of the HOAs represented by the WNC.

To refresh your understanding of the boundaries of the WNC (from Santa Monica Blvd. on the north to National Blvd. on the south), the attached descriptions and maps provide the graphic depiction of the WNC area.

The thrust of our comments – unified from all our stakeholders -- is straightforward. The basic and fundamental objective requested by the WNC has been – and remains today -- **is to have the entirety of the WNC assigned to one single Council district, particularly CD 5 in view of the commonality of interests with other Westside communities located within the overall sphere of influence centered on UCLA, a historical fact dating back nearly 100 years.**

This would involve both the subset of four (4) neighborhoods NORTH of Pico Blvd. and the subset of four (4) neighborhoods SOUTH of Pico Blvd.

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This objective, when fulfilled, maintains the decisions of the 2001 and 2011 redistricting. The egregious and mistaken actions of the 1991 redistricting that placed our eight neighborhoods into three different Council districts should not be repeated.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter.

JANE WISHON
CCCHA Vice President
WNC Seat 13
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BACKGROUND:

The Westside Neighborhood Council is a City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council established pursuant to City of Los Angeles Charter Measure 1 that was approved in the City election of June 1999. The most recent bylaws for the WNC were approved on February 2, 2021.

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- I. NORTH by Santa Monica Boulevard;
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The residential interests of households located within the WNC boundaries are represented by WNC seats filled by representatives of the following eight (8) homeowner associations/residential areas, approximately shown on the first of the two attached City of Los Angeles maps:

North of Pico Blvd:

1. Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA (WNC seats 7, 18)
2. Overland Avenue Community HOA (WNC seats 7,18)
3. Century Glen HOA (WNC seat 10)
4. Century City Residential areas (WNC seat 11)

South of Pico Blvd.:

5. West of Westwood HOA (WNC seat 8)
6. Westwood Gardens Civic Association (WNC seat 9)
7. Cheviot Hills HOA (WNC seat 12)
8. California Country Club Homes Association HOA (WNC seat 13)

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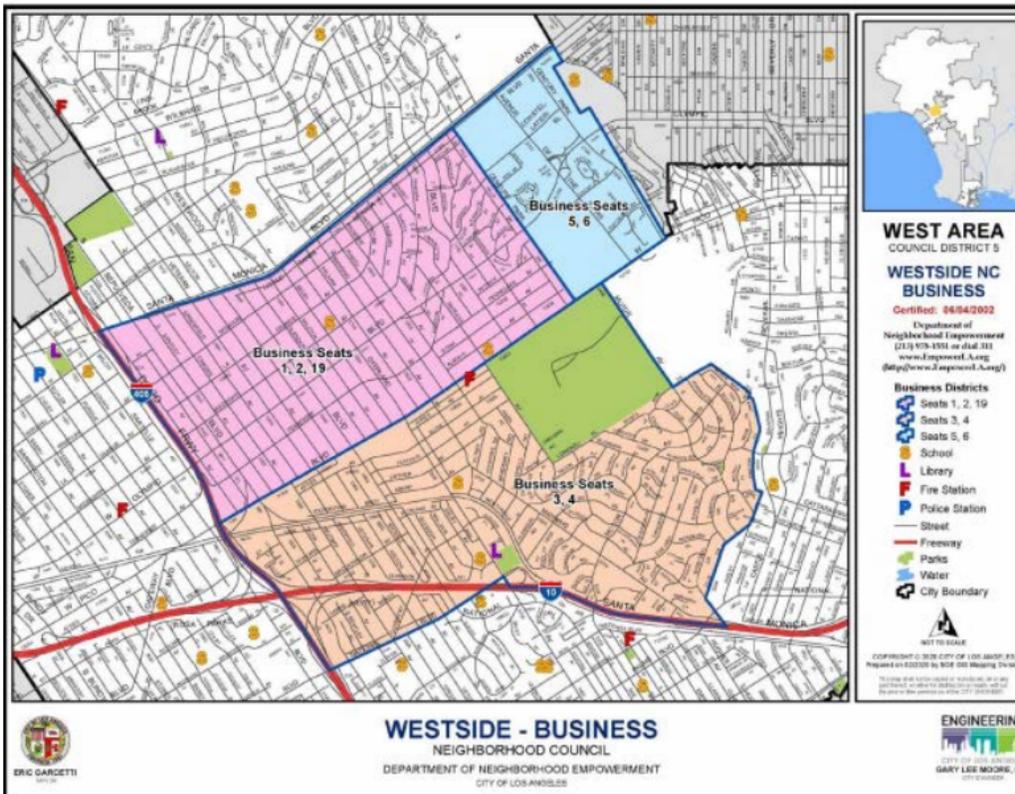
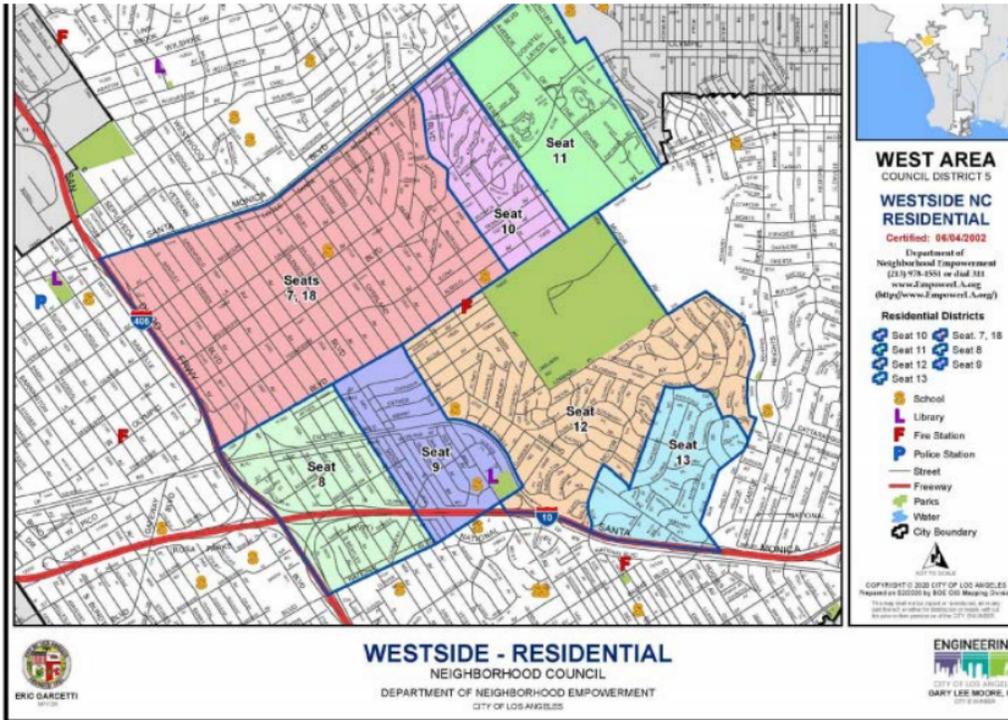
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The interests of **for-profit business** entities located within the WNC boundaries are represented by seven WNC seats filled by representatives from the areas shown on the second of the two attached maps (WNC seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19).

The interests of **non-profit and other entities** located within the WNC boundaries are represented by four WNC seats filled by representatives appointed by local religious institutions (WNC seat 14), schools (WNC seat 15), other non-profit organizations (WNC seat 16) and at-large concerns (WNC seat 17).

See maps below



Communication from Public

Name: Russell Cowan

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

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Communication from Public

Name: Alice G Goldman
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I understand that the city council has decided to create an equitable map for LA City. I have two issues for which I am advocating. First, I ask, in the interest of equity, that you continue to protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish Council District 5. This Council District has given my Jewish community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as the voice to uplift our culture City wide, and speak on behalf of the issues that concern us. Please keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverly Wood, Pico-Robertson, Fairfax- Beverly area, Mid-Wilshire/LaBrea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Second, please keep the areas north and south of Melrose together in CD 5. To split north from south would make it very difficult for my community to address such issues as crime and congestion. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Russell Cowan

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:33 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Jacob P Siegel

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 04:55 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Allison Gingold
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 08:56 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez and fellow Councilmembers, Thank you for all your time and effort to create an equitable map for the City of Los Angeles. I write to advocate on behalf of the Jewish community and not at the expense of any other community. I ask that this Committee and the Council keep the historic core of the Jewish community on the westside intact uniting the neighborhoods of Westwood, Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, Beverlywood, Pico Robertson, Beverly Grove, Fairfax and specifically unites the orthodox community in Hancock Park with the rest of this core. No redistricting process since 1950 has separated this historic core and I ask that it continues to remain intact in Council District 5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Thank you, Allison Gingold, Esq. Executive Director, JPAC

Communication from Public

Name: Blake McCormick

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 08:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: I am writing to you as a longtime resident of Harvard Heights, which is located in Council District 10, to strongly object to the idea of moving my neighborhood out of CD10 and into CD1. In my time as a resident, we have developed excellent relationships with Council staff and feel very supported by the Council office. Additionally, moving us out of CD10 would separate us from the historically linked nearby neighborhoods in West Adams which will remain in CD10. Please do not make the mistake of cutting Harvard Heights away from an existing positive relationship with CD10 Council office and our fellow historic neighborhoods. Respectfully yours, Blake

Communication from Public

Name: Lee

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Splitting Encino, Encioi being defined as Victory Blvd to the North, Lindley to the West, the 405 to East, and Mulholland to the South into three Council districts is atrocious. We the residents of Encino demand to be whole, in CD3, and include a sharing of the Sepulveda Basin agreed to by both the Encino Neighborhood Council, Reseda Neighborhood Council, and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council members. The last minute split of Encino by the Redistricting Commsiion in Map K2.5 version 5 is awful. The residence that border Balboa Park should have a say on who controls their backyards and help protect them from fires, crime, and other hazards. In particular example of personal Gerrymandering of motion 46JJ by Nythia Raman is an insult to our community and such an obvious attempt to appeal to Renters. Residence of all domicile types enjoy Encino as a community, not as socialist blocks. We work hard together to make Encino great together, for everyone. We are of one voice. We live here because it's Encino, not by who our neighbors are. Keep Encini Together!

Communication from Public

Name: Tobin Paap

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing regarding redistricting. My name is Tobin Paap and I live in Harvard Heights which is in Council District 10. I wanted to express how happy we have been for Harvard Heights to be in Council District 10. We have developed excellent relationships with the Council staff, have received great services from the Council office, and remain connected to historically linked nearby neighborhoods in West Adams which are also in Council District 10. Being moved to another district unfamiliar with our needs and community leadership like Council District 1 would be detrimental to our neighborhood. We ask that you vote to keep Harvard Heights in Council District 10.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Nowell

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime resident of Harvard Heights (and current member of District 10), I would like to say that we have ZERO INTEREST in being moved into District 1. We have developed strong ties to our fellow West Adams neighborhoods over decades and redistricting us in this random fashion would destroy many of our deep, important connections. Please keep Harvard Heights in District 10. Sincerely, Justin Nowell

Communication from Public

Name: Lawrence

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting that will break up the community in the Shatto area, currently part of CD13, into different districts. This area has worked tirelessly to develop relationships and bonds in the neighborhood with shared common interests for our public spaces and safety. Separating this community through redistricting is cruel and completely unnecessary. We are a unique and diverse community of constituents that have a right to stay united and together with CD13. This action does not have the support of anyone that will be impacted in their day to day lives and would be a disservice to the citizens that live and work in the neighborhood. I hope you strongly reconsider your current course and keep our community intact.

Communication from Public

Name: Ceci F

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez and fellow Council members, Thank you for all of your time and effort to create an equitable map for LA City. We advocate on behalf of the Jewish community and not at the expense of any other community. We ask that you protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish Council District 5 which has given this community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as the voice to uplift our culture City wide. Please keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverly Wood, Pico-Robertson, Fairfax-Beverly area, Mid-Wilshire/Labrea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Thank you, Ceci

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa Perez

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Elisa Perez, I have been a resident in the area that is known to our community as West Normandie Heights which is located west of Normandie and east of Western between Olympic and Pico. I have lived in the area for over 40years. I have been an active member of the community for over 8 years and have worked closely with our Field Deputies and our community members to help organize and keep our community informed and involved. I along with the residents of West Normandie Heights are opposed to the motion 46B which moves West Normandie Heights from CD 10 to CD1. Redistricting us into CD1 will join us to communities with which we have no active relationships. Our community has worked tirelessly year over year to establish the relationship we have with our CD10 representative and city offices/agencies. Please remove the motion and keep our community as part of CD10. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabel Cruz

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 08:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Isabel Cruz, a resident of Harvard Heights since 1970. Over the last 15 years, I have been an active member of the of the Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association working closely with our Field Deputies and our community. I along with the residents of Harvard Heights opposed the motion 46B which moves Harvard Heights from CD 10 to CD1. Redistricting us into CD1 will join us to communities with which we have no active relationships. The Harvard Heights community has worked tirelessly year over year to establish the relationship we have with our CD10 representative and city offices/agencies. Please remove the motion and keep Harvard Heights as part of CD10. Thank you for your consideration. Isabel Cruz 323-806-4713

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Chvatal-Keane

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cynthia Chvatal-Keane. I live in Hancock Park, I'm the President of the Hancock Park HOA and a GWNC Board member. As the new City Council District map drawing moves from the Ad Hoc Committee to full City Council for approval - Please keep our Hancock Park neighborhood whole and together with our communities of interest to the west in CD5. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Magid

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President Martinez and fellow Councilmembers, Thank you for all of your time and effort to create an equitable map for LA City Council Districts. I join with others who advocate on behalf of the Jewish community and not at the expense of any other community. We ask that you protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish Council District 5 which has given this community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as the voice to uplift our culture citywide. Please keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverlywood, Pico-Robertson, Beverly Fairfax, Mid-Wilshire/LaBrea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. Thank you for your diligent consideration. Sincerely, Mark Magid

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Soderstrom

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Keep Harvard Heights in Council District 10 Greetings! I am emailing regarding redistricting. My name is Michael Soderstrom and I live in Harvard Heights which is currently in Council District 10. I was alarmed to hear that there was a proposal to remove our neighborhood from its long time District. We have developed excellent relationships with the Council staff, have received great services from the Council office, and remain connected to historically linked nearby neighborhoods in West Adams which are also in Council District 10. Being moved to another district unfamiliar with our needs and community leadership like Council District 1 would be detrimental to our neighborhood. We ask that you vote to keep Harvard Heights in Council District 10. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Miller

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of Los Angeles Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to file comments regarding this very important issue. As you know, with the map K 2.5 presented by the Redistricting Commissioners, Encino currently has been split into two city council districts. On the heels of that upsetting news, we now see that Council Member Raman is looking at dividing Encino across three city council districts. This is beyond disturbing. How has the valley once again been so ignored, let alone Encino left with nobody to advocate for what is right and fair to our community. We have been so disenfranchised by this whole process and feel as if this is the time to stand up for Encino and keep us whole. I personally have had no problems with being part of CD5, and was prepared to leave it only as I as in the minority. But the maps being discussed now are even more disturbing. Please know I am writing this letter personally, not as an ENC Board Member/VP, but note that the ENC has taken this issue seriously and weighed in all along during the meetings held by the Redistricting Commissioners...our voices appear to have landed upon deaf ears. I thank you in advance your support and attention to this matter...please keep Encino whole and under one council district. It is the right thing to do. Sincerely, Victoria Miller

Communication from Public

Name: BHE HOA

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 10:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Attached please find the Community Impact Statement of Baldwin Hills Estates HOA, in CD8. Subsequent to our submission the Commission completed it's report to Council. The Commission process, as reflected in their report suggests that asset distribution in CD8 and CD9 was not adequately finalized, passing that determination along to Council. As we previously stated, and as noted by repeated comments by commissioners and the public, the prior redistricting process robbed CD8 of almost every significant economic engine. In the years to follow, through today, the only majority black CVAP district has suffered the results of having fewer economic assets, tax base, etc; than any other district. This systemic disadvantage has translated into a lessened well-being and lack of opportunity for the district community. In 2021, with a heightened sense of awareness, and in keeping with the city's dedication to equity for the most challenged, this disadvantage brought upon by the city's districting policy must change. That change can be accomplished, just as the current inequity was established, by revisiting asset distribution and the return of assets which for decades had been part of CD8. In an objective, non-political, process this would be unchallenged. USC and Expo Park are only part of what was removed from CD8. They are only in CD9 now due to what most realize was a mapping based upon politics, not fairness to the community. As we stand now, the only significant asset in CD8 is a decayed Baldwin Hills Mall. Any reasonable inventory of economic engines would confirm the stark shortage in CD8. While these assets would be returned from CD9, which also is challenged, the action is justified, equitable, and necessary to correct an untenable situation for what is likely to be the final black-dominated district. The only way to help stave off the continued demise and disappearance of this local community is to stop the disadvantage which has perpetuated that process. Concern for CD9 would note that it currently also has the valuable drivers of LA Live, Staples Center, and a developing Figueroa Corridor. These drivers contribute to the large advantage in tax base enjoyed by CD9 as compared to CD8. Without USC & Expo Park, CD9 remains more equipped than CD8. These assets need to be returned to CD8. It has no other options to restore viability. Inasmuch as assets were also removed from CD9 in the last redistricting, purposefully creating an enriched district for

Jose Huizar, we suggest that a balancing measure, itself equitable, could be the return of additional assets adjacent to the corner of downtown which CD9 contains. Failure to consider this obvious option is short-sighted and clearly political. The suggestion at Commission fell upon deaf, pre-determined ears. We implore Council to prioritize fairness over politics and see the simplicity in a reversal of unjust extractions from both districts. Of note, multiple Neighborhood Councils have submitted statements to the Commission in support of this proposal. Including the NANDC, which contains USC and Expo. Lastly we must comment on the last-minute alleged compromise by the commission via the dubious reversal of a vote to return USC & Expo to CD8. Commission clearly arrived at it hastily, in large part intending for the Council to finalize asset distribution. If one WERE to utilize a split of USC and Expo, any reasonable analysis would start with considering each district's assets ASIDE FROM the assets to be divided. Very clearly the district which has the Baldwin Hills Mall has less on its roster than that with LA Live, Staples, Convention Center. If there must be a compromise, which is less equitable than a comprehensive return of assets to both districts, the more significant of the assets to be divided, USC, MUST go to CD8. If this process, which determines a critical next decade, is to be finalized equitably, Council must attend to this issue which the Commission purposefully recommended that it do. Please take the actions to make the improvement to the tentative map. A challenge, expediency, or political ambitions must not subvert the necessity to rectify a glaring, threatening, and long-standing disadvantage to the residents of Council District 8. Please do not lose this crucial opportunity to restore equity, the likes of which constituents have been clamoring for. Thank You, Baldwin Hills Estates HOA



September 30, 2021

The Baldwin Hills Estates Homeowners Association (BHEHOA), which represents 3300+ residents at the northern end of Council District 8 in South L.A., respectfully submits the following Community Impact Statement regarding the L.A. City 2021 Council Redistricting process.

We are supportive of current proposals (Map K1) to maintain our neighborhood in what is currently CD 8. We consider our neighborhood to be an integral part; culturally, politically, and economically; of the only predominantly black (CVAP) CD in the city. We have historically, as one of the area's higher resource neighborhoods, been impactful in South L.A., and look forward to continuing to do so.

However, we do feel that the last redistricting and some aspects of the currently proposed mapping present serious disadvantages to this district. The last redistricting process, which was clearly politically motivated, has created hardships which must be rectified. In that last process we were separated from both local allies and more importantly stripped of economic assets. While redistricting concentrates upon equity in populations and maintaining sensical boundaries, if it is to be truly equitable and allow these districts to thrive, it MUST consider the economic viability of districts and provide opportunity for all districts to thrive.

Thus, the previous redistricting, which removed the assets of Leimert Park Village, USC, Expo Park (including the African American Museum), and Kaiser/Marlton Square, robbed this district of necessary cultural and economic assets which were truly integral to enabling this district to thrive. In the years since, the district's residents have suffered and will continue to do so inequitably unless corrections are made. We therefore request that the currently proposed process create a situation of improved equity for a challenged district.

We ask that the redistricting return a fair share of these historical portions of CD8 to our district. With more of them we can try to reverse the course of the district as one of the city's most challenged. Initial map drafts provided the return of at least Leimert Park Village. However, the current commission overtly removed that from the current map K2. While maintaining both north and south section of Leimert is understandably the desire of some of the residents there, and perhaps the current Councilmember, doing so simply further diluted the proposed CD8. At the same time, it is clear that CD10 has more economic viability, and CD9 is proposed to receive significant resources from the downtown region. Thus, these districts have improved economic viability.

Please correct the imbalance which was created in the last redistricting and return CD8 to a district with ample opportunity and assets. This can be achieved relatively simply, as such was the case for many years prior to 2012. BHEHOA will contribute to the advancement of CD8, but the district as a whole needs equitable consideration in the redistricting process.

Specifically, we are not supportive of Map L, and ask for revisions to map K2.

Thank You,

Teresa Humphrey
Teresa Humphrey, President
Baldwin Hills Estates HOA, Inc.

Communication from Public

Name: Westwood Gardens Civic Assn., Inc.

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 08:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Members 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 November 4, 2021 RE: LACCRC Nov 2, 2021 Map for Ad Hoc Committee I am writing on behalf of Westwood Gardens Civic Association, Inc., a long standing homeowner's association within City Council District 5, and the Westside Neighborhood Council. We are comprised of over 600 single family homes, with boundaries of National Blvd., Pico Blvd., Overland Ave., and Midvale Ave. on the west. We wish to remain within Council District 5, and not be moved into any other Council District. We enthusiastically supported the LACCRC map and letter submitted to the City Council on Friday October 29, 2021 and now being referred to a newly formed Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee of 7 City Council Members. Our Westwood Gardens members have been actively involved for the last few months in submitting comments to the Commission regarding keeping our Westside Neighborhood Council and its current 8 member associations such as ours altogether within one Council District 5. The importance of assigning to one single Council district and the communities represented by seven HOAs within the WNC area is of fundamental importance. We appreciate that the LACCRC Map submitted October 29th and Nov. 2 achieves this objective. We strongly urge you to support this LACCRC map because it keeps our Westside Neighborhood Council entirely within a single City Council District 5, respects boundaries of prominent homeowners' associations and continues the historical relationship of the Westside communities both north and south of Pico Blvd. We continue to support the LACCRC map because it applies logical boundaries. We urge the Los Angeles City Council Ad Hoc Committee to only approve the submitted LACCRC map, keeping all of the WNC intact including Westwood Gardens! Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Tusher, President Westwood Gardens Civic Association, Inc., PO Box 642001, LA 90064 Submitted electronically: Nury Martinez, Chair, Mitch O'Farrell, Vice Chair, Bob Blumenfield, Member, Kevin de Leon, Member, Paul Koretz, Member, Curren Price, Member, Nithya Raman, Member

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 11:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not agree to the proposal to split District 5 but keep it together. The Jewish community of Los Angeles and its many holocaust survivors, special needs children and adults, students and families need the continued cohesiveness at an unstable time for the Jewish communities here at home in California and around the world. As stated by Stephen Sass, the President of the Jewish Historical Society of Southern CA, "it is critical for the Jewish community's and our City's cohesiveness, continuity and equitable representation to remain"

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Guidera
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 11:44 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Joseph Guidera. I live in Hancock Park. As the new City Council District map drawing moves from the Ad Hoc Committee to full City Council for approval - Please keep our neighborhood whole and together with our communities of interest to the west in CD5.