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Los Angeles City Council Redistricting
Commission

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File No. 20-0668 – Redistricting Process

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission,

We, Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council, ECWA, thank the Redistricting Committee for addressing our community's concerns and keeping Leimert Park and Crenshaw Manor intact and united.

We ask that you continue to stay in compliance with the Voting Rights Act as you make changes to the draft map. We ask that you ensure that voter strength is not diluted in council districts historically represented by African American Councilmembers. We ask that you promote an equitable distribution of economic assets.

In the past, African Americans in Los Angeles have been disenfranchised by freeways cutting through our neighborhood, redlining, and unfair loan policies to name a few. Currently, gentrification, widespread homelessness and indiscriminate development also threaten our community. We must stay united to address these challenges.

Additionally, we support our stakeholders' requests and Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council's motion to return USC's University Park Campus and Exposition Park, including the California African American Museum (CAAM) to Council District 8.

Council District 8 has long been underdeveloped and underserved and now is the time to redirect its trajectory towards the intersection of economic parity and hope by returning these important cultural and economic assets. Doing so would also afford the neighborhood increased leverage in addressing the rampant student housing development, and the resultant displacement, which have become prevalent in this community.

We are confident that you will deliver a recommendation to City Council that is just and equitable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)