

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 11/06/2021 02:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner and longtime resident of Harvard Heights. Please DO NOT change our district. We are happy to be in Council District 10, where we have built good working relationships and are connected to the rest of our West Adams neighborhoods. It would be disruptive and detrimental for us to be redistricted and changed to Council District 1. Please vote to keep Harvard Heights in Council District 10. This is extremely important to those of us who live in Harvard Heights.

Communication from Public

Name: David Trainer

Date Submitted: 11/06/2021 02:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please unite the naturally connected communities of Hancock Park, Windsor Square, and Larchmont Village in CD 5, as proposed by Commission map K2.5. Your current proposal puts Hancock Park in CD 5. That's great. Follow that logic by including Windsor Square and Larchmont as well. This has the added benefit of keeping the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council almost completely intact. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Treva Miller

Date Submitted: 11/06/2021 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I am the captain of the 63rd & Acacia St. Neighborhood Watch Group, representing five blocks in Los Angeles City Ladera the northeast residential neighborhood of Westchester in Council District 11. Thank you, President Martinez and Committee members, for this opportunity to correct the grave injustice and racial bias of the City Council Redistricting Commission regarding the removal of LA Ladera from CD 11 and exiling us to CD8. The Commission targeted our neighborhood on Sept. 27 simply because we are one of the most diverse neighborhoods in CD11, our population is about 50% African American. The Commission ignored over 150 comments submitted by our residents (includes a petition) and a CIS for the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa stating our common interests are in Westchester. Even Commissioner Shaw of CD8 said Ladera belongs in CD11. They only allowed 5 residents from Ladera to testify during the 3 final hearings and Chair Ali would not allow our neighborhood to be discussed until 10 or 15 minutes before the hearings adjourned. This move disenfranchises our residents so they will not be able to vote for 2 years instead of in 2022. Commission Executive Director Frank Cardenas left me a voicemail message before the Commission finalized their map stating that it was between moving a portion of Pico Robertson to CD5 or moving Ladera to CD8 and there was nothing he could do. You have the power to right this wrong. As you heard several people testify from the Jewish community, they culturally said Pico Robertson belongs in CD5. So, unite the portion of that area that remains in CD11 with the community in CD5 and Please keep LA Ladera united with Westchester in CD11!

October 8, 2021

LOS ANGELES NAACP
P.O. Box 56408
Los Angeles, Calif. 90056

Dear, Sirs -

I am writing to your organization on behalf of the residents in my community, LA Ladera, the northeast Residential District of Westchester in Council District 11. We are the victims of what was characterized as segregationist actions by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission at its October 6 Public Hearing.

In an effort to "accommodate" a large contingent of Jewish Community leaders and Koreatown merchants that requested their respective communities to be unified, the Commission moved the borderlines in four council districts disenfranchising dozens of neighborhoods where the residents did not fit those criteria. Numerous speakers at the hearing testified thanking the Commission for creating new council district demographics giving their communities a much larger voice in city government. My neighborhood, Ladera, was targeted in this last-minute reshuffling.

LA City Ladera is a small culturally diverse neighborhood of only 309 households with about 600 residents. Our neighborhood was the original Gateway to LAX connecting the city to its airport through LA County and Inglewood. Our residents have strong ties to the airport community of Westchester. Many of our residents have worked at the airport or in aerospace. Our children play Little League in Westchester, and many go to school in that area. We share shopping and business centers, property values, and income levels. Our nearest Urgent Care facility is in Playa Vista. We also share common community concerns such as airport noise and traffic. One of my neighbors has received numerous accolades for her work and leadership on the Ballona Creek Art Project. Yet, without any concern for our residents two weeks ago the Commission decided to push us into CD8-Soth LA to keep the council district populations "balanced."

It was revealed during the hearing by several speakers testifying that there was a backroom deal to keep CD8 with a 51% African American population, which is why we were targeted when other assets were removed from the district. Our neighborhood has a 53% African American population, 40% Caucasian, 5% Hispanic, and 2% Asian population. But we are more than just the color of our skin. We are a community unified in our desire to stay in Westchester where we have forged strong bonds within the community and have finally gained a real voice in city government through the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa.

Our neighborhood has been shuffled around by City Redistricting Commissions for the last 30 years. We were formerly in CD10 and then they moved us to CD8 the council district with the largest African American population. In the last Redistricting in 2011, we were finally moved to CD11 where our community has flourished. Westchester has welcomed us and gave us a seat on the Neighborhood Council. With the help of the NCWP and Councilman Mike Bonin, we

were able to resolve numerous decades-old problems with city services and public safety in our area.

Improvements included streets being repaved for the first time in 30 years, LADWP conducted an inspection and repairs of our power poles for the first time in 10 years resolving [\[TM1\]](#) our frequent power outages, stop signs were installed at dangerous intersections where there had been multiple accidents, and our trash is now picked up regularly. Most importantly when one of our neighbors died because the paramedics went to the wrong street as a result of the 35-year-old street signs in our neighborhood missing letters, the NCWP and Councilman got the city to create custom street signs for Ladera with the city seal so no first responders would ever make that mistake again. Additionally, the NCWP supported our efforts to have our neighborhood officially named 'Ladera' after 70 years of being referred to as the LA Strip. (Note: Ladera Heights is an LA County community). Also, thanks to the NCWP negotiating with developers we were able to attract new businesses including Amazon Fresh, Spectrum, and Marshalls to what was formerly a rundown commercial center where the largest retailer was the 99 cent Store. Those new retailers identify this as their Westchester locations.

The residents in Ladera want our community to continue moving forward not backward. We hope that the NAACP Los Angeles Chapter will join us in submitting a public comment or will testify at an upcoming hearing opposing the Redistricting Draft Map K2.5 relocation of Ladera to CD8. There are links on the attached City Redistricting Commission letter to the map and upcoming zoom hearings.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Treva Miller
Community Advocate

Communication from Public

Name: Alfredo Diaz

Date Submitted: 11/06/2021 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alfredo Diaz 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/06/2021 07:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Deborah Ascheim 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.