

Fwd: Submission of a proposed revision to Recommended Map for LAUSD Redistricting

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Subject: Submission of a proposed revision to Recommended Map for LAUSD Redistricting

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Dear Madame Council President:

I am writing to advocate for a modification (attached, *AllValleyBD3-JMU-05nov21-Map.jpg*, showing modifications only) of the map submitted to the Council of the City of Los Angeles by the 2021 LAUSD Redistricting Commission. The submitted map was approved, with minor modifications, by the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee at its November 5, 2021, meeting. During this meeting, the City Chief Legislative Analyst and others expressed their approval and the map awaits full approval by the Council at an upcoming meeting.

The modification I am submitting through this email changes the boundaries of Board Districts 3, 4, and 6 in order to satisfy the request from residents in the Southwest of the San Fernando Valley, namely the communities of Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Winnetka and Reseda, that they should be included in Board District 3 rather than Board District 4. This would create an All-Valley Board District and would ensure that their voices will be heard and their needs will be met in a better manner than in the last twenty years.

It is inevitable that the boundaries for Board Districts 3 and 4 be redrawn due to population increases in the areas served by these districts (BD 3 exceeds the ideal district population by 4.7% while BD 4 does it by 5.6%, according to the Chief Legislative Analyst report to the Committee). The Commission elected to maintain the encroachment of Board District 4 into the Valley and even increased it to remove a portion of Reseda and Winnetka from Board District 3. As noted by various public comments and impact statements, this makes no sense since as there is no direct connection between the Valley-side of the Santa Monica Mountains with the ocean-side. In fact, the only roads between the two regions are Topanga Canyon Boulevard on the West and Sepulveda Boulevard and the San Diego Freeway 7 miles to the East "as the crow flies." The population density is higher East of the San Diego Freeway and it makes sense that if Board District 4 is to penetrate the Valley then it should be at its most Eastern end.

Starting from a facsimile of the submitted map generated via the tools made available at davsredistricting.org (aka DRA 2020), I have manipulated the boundaries in such a way that the total deviation is 9.37%, which is less than the 9.66% deviation of the Commission's map. As I did not modify the boundaries of Board Districts 1, 2, 5, and 7, the deviation from the ideal population as well as the percentages of the various populations did not change in my suggested modification to the adopted map.

However, there is a difference between the proposed Board Districts 3, 4, and 6 and my modified districts:

District	Pop, Adopted	% Dev, Adoted	Pop, Modified	%, Modified
3	675,018	1.4%	702,539	5.9%
4	705,231	5.9%	686,943	3.5%
6	669,918	0.6%	655,010	-1.3%

The attached table (*AllValleyBD3-JMU-05nov21-Statistics.pdf*) displays the variation in percentages for Total, VAP and CVAP percentages and is directly comparable to the one generated for the submitted map. While the numbers generated by DRA 2020 are not identical to those generated by ARCBridge, the Commission's GIS consultants, this is not a major flaw as what is generated by DRA 2020 shows that it is possible to redraw the maps so as to satisfy the demands of the affected communities. The modified districts still comply with all legal requirements concerning One Person, One Vote as well as the Voting Rights Act.

The map also follows closely the boundaries of the High School Attendance Zones with very few exceptions and, therefore, maintains whole the Communities of Interest associated with those high schools. Hence, all the guiding principles listed by

the Commission in their "[Recommendations for Developing and Publishing the Draft Map](#)" have been met.

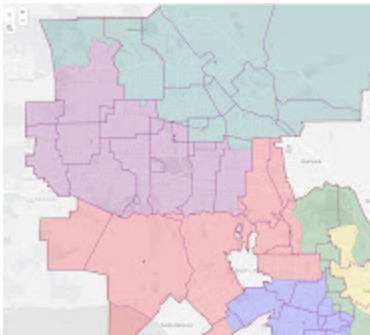
In summary, I believe that my modifications should be seriously considered by the Chief Legislative Analyst and her team to be an appropriate change to the submitted map. Doing so would provide relief to the above listed communities and ensure their rightful representation at the LAUSD Board for the next ten years.

Cordially,

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PS: a bit of housekeeping: I have only included the image of the map and the statistics associated with the modifications. In order to generate a GIS-compatible map, the map's listing of block geocodes for each proposed district (as well as other information, such as the shape files) is available by exporting it from a "shared" copy of this map at <https://davesredistricting.org/join/1a584e7f-26fd-4579-ba43-96e103f637a2> . Please note that in order to do so, the visitor must establish a free account with the web site. Alternatively, I can provide a csv file listing the geocodes and their assigned district to the appropriate staff and that should be enough to recreate my work.

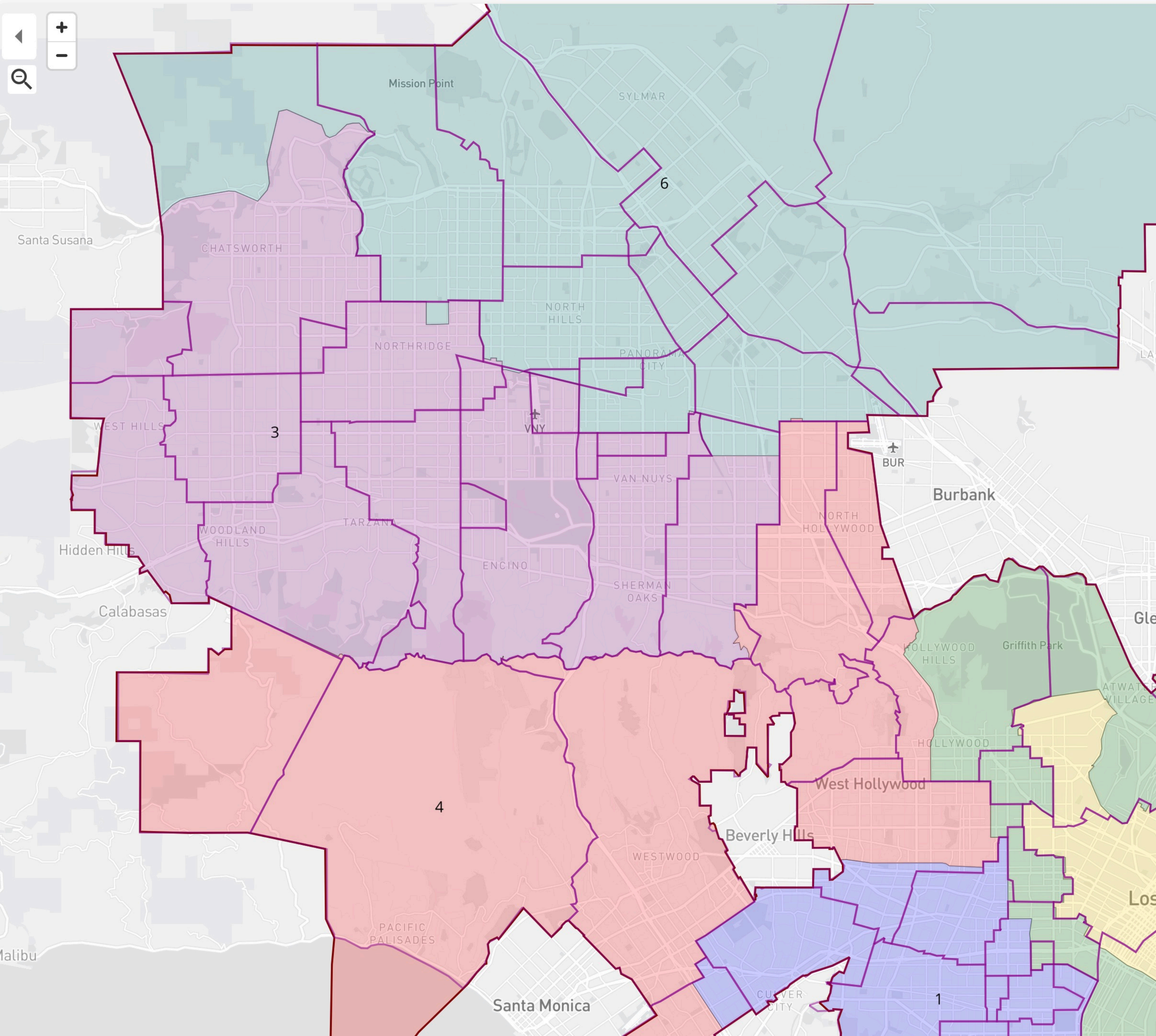
2 attachments



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Revision of Final Map Recommendation: Southwest San Fernando Valley included in LAUSD Board District 3
J. M. Urrutia, Ph.D., November 5, 2021

	District 1			District 2			District 3			District 4			District 5			District 6			District 7		
	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP	POP	VAP	CVAP
Total	643,841	514,174	394,920	675,036	532,698	355,360	702,539	566,155	468,083	686,943	593,650	500,947	640,388	520,755	367,025	655,010	511,962	393,888	641,335	486,814	360,330
Hispanic	45.25%	41.92%	31.45%	69.67%	65.97%	59.36%	34.96%	32.43%	26.17%	19.53%	18.16%	15.74%	64.47%	60.47%	55.06%	61.23%	58.16%	51.56%	60.15%	56.55%	47.88%
White	15.13%	16.44%	18.84%	14.16%	16.22%	21.24%	43.78%	46.33%	54.96%	57.55%	59.02%	64.87%	14.59%	16.62%	20.54%	22.70%	24.80%	30.63%	10.22%	11.96%	15.65%
Black	29.97%	30.62%	39.89%	4.69%	4.83%	5.49%	6.39%	6.16%	5.85%	6.42%	6.25%	6.21%	5.92%	6.24%	7.08%	4.19%	4.14%	4.71%	16.73%	16.69%	20.90%
Native	3.34%	3.30%	0.63%	4.25%	4.22%	0.66%	2.55%	2.49%	0.51%	2.04%	1.92%	0.59%	4.46%	4.37%	0.61%	3.44%	3.41%	0.48%	3.47%	3.53%	0.64%
Asian	10.04%	10.96%	8.77%	11.62%	12.85%	12.73%	14.48%	14.34%	12.03%	15.37%	15.15%	11.97%	15.16%	16.55%	16.21%	11.91%	12.54%	12.23%	13.25%	14.58%	13.66%
Pacific	0.38%	0.34%	0.22%	0.30%	0.27%	0.19%	0.41%	0.37%	0.11%	0.47%	0.41%	0.14%	0.38%	0.34%	0.15%	0.34%	0.33%	0.13%	1.05%	1.05%	0.77%