



COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

I write to express support for the boundaries of the 10th Council District in the configuration recommended by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission, which is consistent with the Voting Rights Act, and preserves the integrity of historic communities of interest and existing neighborhood council boundaries. Moreover, the configuration honors existing multi-cultural coalitions within the 10th Council District and achieves a long-standing goal of the City, as well as the most recent and prior Redistricting Commissions, to consolidate Koreatown under one district.

With the assistance of the Council President, two technical drafting errors related to the 10th Council District were addressed last week. First, in order to ensure cohesiveness and contiguity within the Leimert Park community, the existing boundary between the 8th and 10th Council Districts along W. Vernon Ave should remain intact. Second, it is appropriate to ensure that all of the Little Ethiopia community remain in the 10th Council District and that the Carthay Square community be fully included in one council district, namely the 5th Council District. These changes were advanced and adopted at Friday's Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting with support from Councilmember Harris-Dawson and Councilmember Koretz, respectively.

However, I am concerned about motions introduced last week, namely motions 46-B and 46-J, which proposed to remove significant portions of the Harvard Heights community as well as the Crestview community from the 10th Council District. While it is my understanding that these motions will not be advanced, I want to underscore that an effort to reconsider these proposals would have a detrimental impact on the 10th Council District given that it would split the historic Harvard Heights community into two council districts, and it would reduce the population of the 10th Council District to an unacceptably low level. Any efforts to mitigate this population loss would require significant changes to the configuration of the 10th Council District, thereby potentially raising issues under the Voting Rights Act.

Thank you for your consideration, and your ongoing efforts to advance a map that promotes cohesiveness and community for all Angelinos.

Sincerely,

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Caretaker, 10th District