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November 3, 2021

The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

**RE: LOS ANGELES REFORMS FOR EQUITY AND PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
INSTITUTIONAL RACISM INNOVATION FUND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PILOT  
PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY**

In response to Council File (CF) 21-1187, this report provides an alternative map for the City Council's consideration on which communities will participate in the Participatory Budget pilot program. At the request of the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights and Equity Committee, the Civil, Human Rights, and Equity Department is providing a map that shows the differences between nine (9) versus five (5) L.A. REPAIR zones.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council RECEIVE and FILE this report.

**BACKGROUND**

Participatory budgeting is the most direct way to enable traditionally excluded groups to decide on investment priorities in their communities – helping to overcome explicit or implicit systemic biases that may have prevented community priorities from being addressed. The participation of these communities in the allocation of public resources begins the process of reparation by shifting power away from a historically unrepresentative institution, into the hands of the historically disempowered residents. The intent of this process is to direct funding to the most impactful services based on what the community reimagines for post-pandemic priorities.

The L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund will provide \$10M, including administrative costs, to be allocated through one round of participatory budgeting. This report provides an

alternative map that reduces the originally proposed nine L.A. REPAIR Zones to five zones.

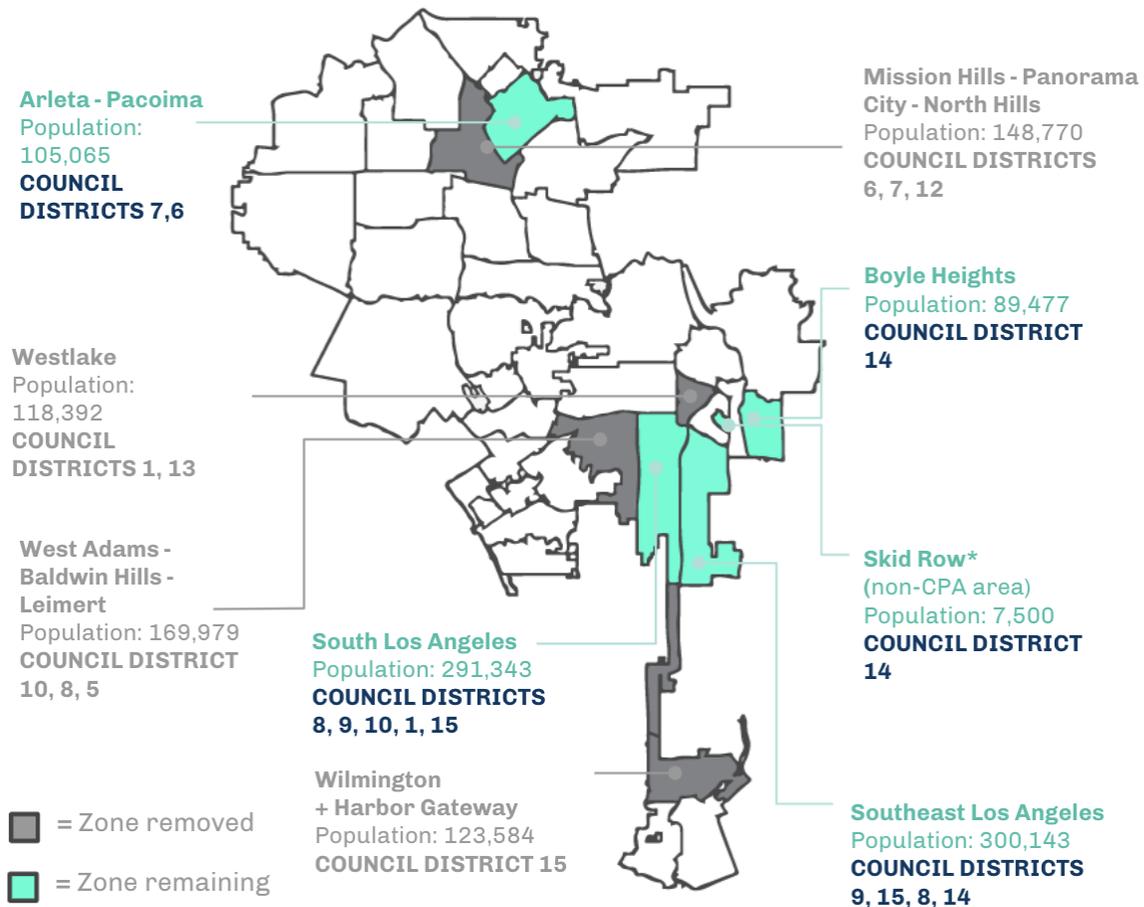
## DISCUSSION

### Selection Methodology of the L.A. REPAIR Zones

The L.A. REPAIR Zones sit at the intersection of race and poverty. Four of the five selected REPAIR Zones are based on existing Community Plan Areas (CPAs) with the fifth being the community of Skid Row due to the visibly acute manifestation of the detrimental effects of institutional racism.

Figure 1 demonstrates that by reducing the number of L.A. REPAIR Zones from nine zones to five zones, Council Districts 5, 12, and 13 would be excluded from the Participatory Budget pilot. As such, community plan areas that have been historically impacted by structural and institutional racism would also be excluded from the pilot. The funding allocation proposed for each L.A. REPAIR Zone would be approximately \$1,701,900.

**Figure 1:**



## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$10 million for the L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund has been budgeted as part of the 21-22 Adopted Budget in the Unappropriated Balance. These funds were provided on a one-time basis and future funding for the L.A. REPAIR program would be subject to the City's annual budget process. There is no additional General Fund impact.

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