

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Brewer

Date Submitted: 11/10/2021 09:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0668-S6

Comments for Public Posting: City Council should not approve the LAUSD redistricting map that puts San Fernando Valley communities with CD4 Nick Melvoin which boundaries extend from the West San Fernando Valley all the way to Westchester (is this really a compact map? The City Council needs to reconsider the map they approved and vote for George McKenna's District 1 alternative map that was included in the CLA's report putting the San Fernando Valley communities in LAUSD District 3 with Scott Schmerelson. Questions: 1. Why didn't City Council even discuss the alternative map submitted by George McKenna District 1 which would keep the San Fernando Valley communities LAUSD representative in the Valley? 2. How can an LAUSD board member who lives way outside of the San Fernando Valley represent the best interests of the San Fernando Valley communities? 3. Why should the San Fernando Valley Communities be included in the current map with District 4 Nick Melvoin who they did not elect and cannot have a say (vote) on who represents them until 12/30/2022?

Communication from Public

Name: South Gate City Council

Date Submitted: 11/10/2021 09:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0668-S6

Comments for Public Posting: Resolution No. 2021-53-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, State of California, urging the City of Los Angeles City Council to reject the proposed Map 2 by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission and urging support for Map 1 A.



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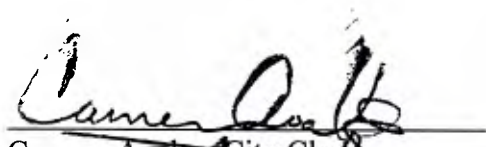
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-53-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, State of California, urging the City of Los Angeles City Council to reject the proposed Map 2 by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission and urging support for Map 1A.

The original is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, located at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, California 90280.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my official seal this 10th day of November 2021.


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53-CC

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUTNY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE, URGING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL TO REJECT THE PROPOSED MAP 2 BY THE LAUSD REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND URGING SUPPORT FOR MAP 1A

WHEREAS, currently the southeast cities within the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) lie within District 5 which was formed as a result of both the 2002 and 2012 redistricting processes. District 5 represents areas such as Eagle Rock; Glassel Park; Mount Washington; Silver Lake; Griffith Park, Hollywood Hills; East Hollywood; Hollywood; Monterey Park; South Gate; Huntington Park; Cudahy; Maywood; Vernon as examples. District 5, in actuality, is two distinct geographic areas connected by a sliver of boundaries generally running down the 710 Freeway corridor;

WHEREAS, the 1991 LAUSD District Boundaries better reflected the southeast communities (District 2) as they geographically contained and furthered the allocation of resources for students in the southeast communities rather than the current boundaries;

WHEREAS, the LAUSD Redistricting Commission recently completed their recommending report for the City of Los Angeles on adjusting the seven (7) boundaries for District Board Member areas to comply with the Voting Rights Act and other various legal requirements using the 2020 Census Data. The Committee is recommending what is known as Map 2, as opposed to Map 1A which was also studied by the Committee;

WHEREAS, the District Board Members recommended boundaries reflected in Map 2 continue the grouping of two geographical areas being connected by a sliver of area that runs from East Hollywood through Koreatown, Pico Union to the southeast communities of Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park, Bell, Walnut Park, Cudahy, and South Gate;

WHEREAS, the demographics of economic, race and other key distinguishing community identity elements could not be greater than those two distinct geographic areas. Areas such as Eagle Rock, Griffith Park, Hollywood Hills, Silver Lake, Elysian Valley and Hollywood are completely different than those communities in the southeast region;

WHEREAS, if Map 2 is formally adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, it will continue to dilute the voice, resources, and equal representation deserved and earned by the communities in the southeast region which has resulted since the passing of both the 2002 and 2012 District Representative Boundaries;

WHEREAS, the residents of South Gate, in particular, are disadvantaged by unequal representation when it is a fact that South Gate has more LAUSD students than any other community other than the City of Los Angeles itself. Yet, many of our schools suffer from a continuing lack of maintenance, staffing, and supplies as compared to many of the similar school sites in the northern portion of District 5; and

WHEREAS, data provided to the LAUSD Redistricting Commission showed that Map 1A was superior to Map 2 for District 5 in population representation. Minority communities such as Latinos, Asian, Black and American Indian would make up 84.69% as opposed to 80.58%.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That Map 1A be approved by the City Council and presented to the City of Los Angeles as the recommended adjustment for the LAUSD District Representative boundaries and rejecting the recommended Map 2 that was submitted by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission.


SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall forward a fully executed copy of this Resolution to the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Council President and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

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SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th day of November 2021.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: 
Al Rios, Mayor

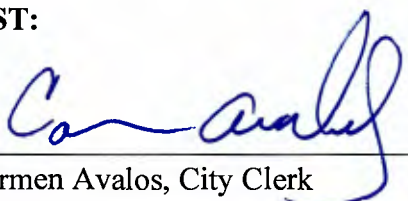
By: 
Maria del Pilar Avalos, Vice Mayor

By: 
Maria Davila, Council Member


By: 
Denise Diaz, Council Member

By: 
Gil Hurtado, Council Member

ATTEST:

By: 
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 2021-53-CC was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Rios, Avalos, Davila, Diaz, and Hurtado

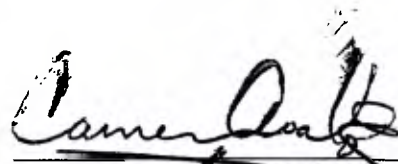
Noes: Council Members: None

Absent: Council Members: None

Abstain: Council Members: None

Recused: Council Member: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on November 10, 2021.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 11/10/2021 01:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S6

Comments for Public Posting: S.E.L.A. is a unique region within Southern California in that cultures, language, ethnicities are similar throughout its cities of: Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Florence-Firestone, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, South Gate, Vernon and Walnut Park. It is for this reason that the academic needs are very similar and connected as well. To divide and reorganize this area would be to destroy the unity and bonds these cities have worked hard to create. Each city has similar if not identical families with the same educational backgrounds, test scores, and grades. I was reading on how some politicians would like to incorporate North East Los Angeles cities such as Highland Park or Lincoln Heights into S.E.L.A. map. As a parent of child attending an LAUSD school within S.E.L.A. and a person who tutors children in North East Los Angeles at work the education level and standards are very different. One day I was tutoring a client's child and she had 1-page of homework that I believed to be kindergarten level. Then I was told the child was in 2nd grade. She was doing literal work 2-3 grade levels below what was needed. She was not on I.E.P. and did not have special needs. I will not have my communities educational standards lowered to increase politicians votes or passing/fail data. By passing these other maps, this is gerrymandering. Plain and simple. LAUSD Superintendent's need to do their jobs and have all schools increase their standards and test scores. I will not have my daughter deal with less than when over paid officials fail to do the job they are paid well to do. I object to any mapping that is gerrymandering or breaks up, or adds N.E.L.A. to S.E.L.A. region.