

Communication from Public

Name: KimMarie
Date Submitted: 11/22/2021 07:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0668-S7
Comments for Public Posting: Asking for the return of the assets to CD8 that were taken in the last redistricting. Give us the opportunity to use these assets as financial base to increase the our employment numbers allowing this community to become a viable self sustaining council district.

Communication from Public

Name: Marian Yoshiki Kovinick

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Comments for Public Posting: Attached is my letter concerning the Redistricting of the City.

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An Encyclopedia of Women Artists of the American West
Western Heritage Award, 1998
Outstanding Art Book

November 20, 2021

TO: Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee
Los Angeles City Council

RE: Redistricting 2021

A 2011 politically-motivated attack on CD8 removed almost all of its main economic engines from the last redistricting process. Its constituents have faced continuing serious socio-economic challenges since. CD8 is the only remaining majority black voter district in the city. Because of this acrimonious action by the City Council, CD8 has some of the lowest employment figures in the city, and is absolutely last in tax base amongst districts.

“Part of the redistricting process is the equitable distribution of economic assets. These give the representative a voice for the interests and concerns of their constituents and the ability to leverage benefits for the community. For example, ten years ago, the last redistricting process stripped City Council District Eight of its economic assets, namely Exposition Park (home of the Olympic games), including the Coliseum, the California African American Museum (CAAM), USC, and Leimert Park.” Council District 8
Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Now, via the current redistricting, is the opportunity to reverse the wrong of the last process, providing more opportunity, services, and equity for the CD8 community. It is vital to the redistricting process that the council allocates CD8 reasonable access to the city’s economic engines. Those assets were a part of the district for decades. Therefore, the most practical and fair solution is to return USC and Exposition Park to CD8.

When CD9 took these two assets, it also had viable economic assets such as the Convention Center, Staples Center, L.A. Live, and the Ritz-Carlton complex. CD8’s asset of any significance is the decaying Crenshaw Mall. The imbalance is clear, and even more so when comparing other districts. Should CD9 receive an accompanying boost, it can return some downtown assets taken from it, adjacent to its existing grouping. The downtown 14th District is extremely asset-heavy, loaded via political favoritism toward a now-indicted Councilmember.

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At the very least, the council must reach a compromise regarding USC and Exposition Park. The independent redistricting commission first voted to return both assets to CD8. The submitted map accommodated the request of the Neighborhood Council, which contains these assets, to be consolidated together in CD8. After a political play, the council reversed the decision in favor of an alleged compromise. Was there actually a compromise? The fair one would return the USC to CD8, leaving Exposition Park in CD9. Yet in the Redistricting Commission's final report, they moved Exposition Park to CD8 and left USC for CD9.

When beginning to finalize the process, the City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee, which unfairly includes the Council members from CD9 & CD14, took action to eliminate even the mediocre compromise in the Redistricting Commission map. The Ad Hoc Committee returned Exposition Park to CD 9. Again their Redistricting map leaves CD 8 with only the Crenshaw Mall. The City Council's political maneuvering is contrary to the independently appointed Redistricting Commission's recommendations and clearly politically motivated. Politically motivated efforts like this reinforce the systemic disadvantage repeatedly applied to this community.

“According to 2020 Census Data in Council District Eight, 52% of the voting-age public are African Americans. It is the only African American Community of Interest in the City of Los Angeles. It is where we have made our homes and raised our families for generations — where Black voters can collectively elect candidates of their choice who can articulate their needs. As a literal and figurative backbone of the city, Black LA is a power player with significant contributions across business and creative sectors stamping its unique worldview on everything from art and architecture to politics and fashion. This is all evidenced by the global desire and consumption of our culture.” Marqueece Harris-Dawson

To leave the only black-majority district without assets, via a Council action that retracts the one small concession of returning USC and Exposition Park, is a clear indication that equity is NOT a primary concern of the City Council. The Council's decision has civil rights implications and must be corrected. CD8 must have USC and Exposition Park returned to provide the community with reasonable economic opportunity and fair districting.

Respectfully,

Marian Yoshiki Kovinick
Baldwin Hills Estates

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Communication from Public

Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE KEEP ALL OF STUDIO CITY IN CD2. DO NOT SPLIT IT UP LIKE YOU DID. HMMMM...BACK ROOM DEALS GOING ON HERE???

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/22/2021 06:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a life long resident of the Silver Triangle in Studio City, we have ALWAYS been and continue to want to be in CD2. I believe this redistricting has a major flaw. All of the City Council Districts in the Valley should all BE in the valley and not shared with Hollywood or Griffith Park. It is crazy that you are splitting up Studio City. WE DID NOT VOTE FOR THE COUNCIL PERSON OF CD4. We picked who we wanted to represent us and our values. By doing this, CD4 will now have to work with 3 LAPD Divisions, Hollywood, North Hollywood and Van Nuys. Not to mention the area goes all the way to Encino. What kind of attention are we going to get?? CD2 has only has to work with North Hollywood where a strong relationship has been built. You should use the boundaries of each police station as a guide. Please redraw Studio City boundaries to include ALL of Studio City as it currently is.

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Comments for Public Posting: In case you glossed over this: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) STRONGLY OPPOSES any redistricting proposal that would split Studio City into separate Council Districts.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/22/2021 06:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The North Hollywood Community-Police Advisory Board stands with the Studio City Neighborhood Council's Impact statement. "The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) STRONGLY OPPOSES any redistricting proposal that would split Studio City into separate Council Districts." Please go back to the drawing board and Do NOT split up Studio City under any circumstances.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce

Date Submitted: 11/22/2021 09:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce supports the LA City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Commission's November 9th Hybrid Map. The map keeps the entire Sherman Oaks Community whole in new Council District 4. This CD4 is the single "Bridge" district between the Valley and balance of the City. The district is almost 70% Valley majority and we thank the Committee for ensuring that the Valley got its fair share of council districts. Please ensure there are no further map adjustments that could impact the Sherman Oaks Community or the Valley getting its fair share. Thank you, Tammy Scher Acting Board Chair Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/22/2021 07:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of Baldwin Hills for many years and this district is still suffering from lack of funds following the redistricting that occurred 10 years ago. I believe that now is the time to rectify damaging results of the previous decision and reinstall the University of Southern California and the Exhibition Properties and Kaiser hospital back to CD8. In addition, any attempt to split CD10 must be opposed and must not take place. This would fracture and weaken CD10 irreparably and it would be impossible to redress.

Communication from Public

Name: M Weber

Date Submitted: 11/08/2021 05:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Keep Harvard Heights in CD 10 where it belongs. Do not put my neighborhood in CD1. We are part of the historic neighborhoods of West Adams and need to stay United. Normandie is a natural boundary between CD-1 and CD-10; HH/NH is physically separated from CD-1 by a cemetery, crematorium, industrial land, Normandie Park, Loyola High School, and the St. Sophia complex, all community assets but huge masses of non-residential land. - HH/NH has long, close ties to the rest of Historic West Adams to the south and west as well as a shared interest in its public assets, e.g. the Ray Charles Studio/Museum, the Underground Museum, the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, HPOZ resources, etc. HH/NH has no meaningful ties to CD-1. - HH/NH has strong working relationships with CD-10 staff. - Moving HH/NH to CD-1 would divide the neighborhood council area as well as the Harvard Heights HPOZ. - Coordinating public activity involving both council district offices will be much more cumbersome and, frequently, prohibitive (i.e., street closures for public events, general city services, public/private cleanup operations, HPOZ board appointments, etc.)

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Klug

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Comments for Public Posting: I approve the map and support its adoption. It will more fairly distribute the votes in my area.

Communication from Public

Name: Hyde Park Organization Partnership for Empowerment

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Redistricting: This is a call for equity by the Los Angeles City Council to address the fair distribution of assets in the only majority Black district of the city of Los Angeles. Major economic drivers were removed from the 8th Council District in the last Los Angeles Redistricting Plan. The City of Los Angeles is proclaiming equity yet this obvious abuse of allocation of resources to help build economic viability is not being addressed. It is critically important that specifically, USC and Exposition Park be returned to the 8th District. To do anything less than this screams tyranny. Without justice there can never be peace. For the greater good of the City of Los Angeles and the Black population which largely resides in the 8th Council District, I call upon your conscious to correct this error. Level the playing field for real opportunities to address historic and current inequities. Assata Umoja, President Hyde Park Organizational for Empowerment (HOPE) 323-274-5168