

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Spaur

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 01:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: District map should restore CD4 and include EXPO park and USC in CD8. The current proposed map is not economically just.

Communication from Public

Name: James Preston Allen

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 11:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: The northern portion of CD15 the Watts community has historically been under served by being in the 15th district and should by rights be included in either the 8th or 9th districts for both cultural and demographic reasons. This could be balanced by taking the western most arm of the 8th district and putting it in the 10th and making Watts part of the 8th district. It is long past time that the Watts community was placed in a district more contiguous to the surrounding area rather than it being an After thought of the city of LA's historically biased map making

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Nichols

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Thank you for the work you have done to create the current boundaries for City Council, while I'm disappointed CD 4 will be drastically redrawn, I'm so pleased that you have kept Mid City West Neighborhood Council under one Council District, CD 5. MCWNC has worked with various stakeholder groups to advocate for the current boundaries to unify our orthodox Jewish population, the Melrose BID and other key communities of interest. We hope that you will preserve this map and current boundaries. Thank you, Lauren

Communication from Public

Name: Lonella Enix

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 01:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking LA City Council members to stand up for equity and fairness and vote to return USC and Exposition Park to District Eight. When they were stripped from CD Eight a decade ago it was for political reasons. Returning them would not be political. It would be about Black equity, representation, and fairness, and the corrective action is to restore those assets to District Eight. We've seen Councilmembers agree, unite, and use their vote to correct historical errors in matters of race and equity repeatedly. This is no different. Leaving the only low-income voting-rights-act district without any significant economic assets isn't equitable or fair. None of the 15 Councilmembers would want their district not to have any economic assets. The City Council needs to consider the outcomes that will be in effect for another ten years before accepting the map as-is.

Communication from Public

Name: Olympia Auset

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 01:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Council, It is with great concern that I write to you as a constituent of CD8, LA's largest African American voting district, and the only low-income voting-rights-district without any significant economic assets. I am opposed to CD9 keeping USC, University Village and Exposition Park. This is a 2021 version of separate but equal, which history shows was never equal. Your determination to keep Exposition Park, USC and University Village which have historically been in CD8, clearly indicate you are not in support of our community. This action will deprive the African American Community of economic justice and does not reflect the equity that our city says it is seeking for all its constituents. The way these assets were removed from CD8, and the scandals that have shrouded the city council, all resulting from the way the 2011 redistricting was conducted should be reason enough to shame the members of the City Council into returning them. Also, CD9 has an abundance of assets; Figueroa Corridor, Staples Center, L.A. Live, The Convention Center, The Ritz Carlton Hotel, and a portion of the garment district, which should make this a very easy decision, since CD8 has no assets whatsoever. There is no valid reason why these assets should not be returned unless the entire City Council is compromised. Many have wondered aloud about the influence of Donald Trump on the Republican Party. The behavior of the Los Angeles City Council is no different in this case. I strongly urge you to reconsider your position, and return the assets; USC, University Village and Exposition Park to CD8 allow for the future of the residents of our community. The whole nation is looking on as you economically disenfranchise a community. Best Regards, Olympia Auset SÜPRMARKT LA

Communication from Public

Name: Gualberto Rabanales

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 02:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Councilmembers, My name is Gualberto Rabanales. I am with Community Coalition and have been a proud resident of South Central LA. I am here to emphasize how important it is for the end results of this redistricting process, to be done with equity and real racial justice. I'm urging for the assets to go back to CD8 - the last predominantly black community. These are Expo Park and USC. Growing up around Black leadership, I was instilled at a young age to strive and fight for racial equity and economic opportunities for my community of CD8. With the mentors that I was fortunate to come across, I started volunteering at UCLA during my summers in high school. I would take the 45 bus on Broadway early in the mornings, and then take the 2 bus line all along Sunset. I have seen first hand how the reallocation of vital resources can help one community thrive, but leave others gasping for air. I have seen Downtown Los Angeles change, like the building my mom used to work endless hours as a seamstress now holds the brand new Apple Store. And I have seen Hollywood and Bel Air grow mega mansions from the ground up in the last 10 years. But every day as my bus would go back into my side of South LA, I would always ask, why are only certain parts of my neighborhood flourishing while my side of town seems to struggle? I have seen how the Expo Park and USC area has grown into the thriving village it is today. Of course this move had some costs to the local community, but in the long run it allows for us to grow even more. But when you start to tread into my district, I have seen how important it is for us to get these huge assets back. I have seen and understood the frustration and the passion our community has been fighting for. I understand why Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson has been fighting for Expo Park and USC to be given back to my district. South Central is historical for many reasons, especially since the Black Panthers and other black organizations came together in my city to fight for justice and equity for all. South Central Los Angeles must remain the historical Black community it is, and I know that allowing the growth of economic opportunities will allow us to grow and expand that vision. For the last few months through this redistricting process, several South LA residents have organized and called to uplift their voices, to share their frustrations due to

decades of discrimination and racist policies that have impacted our black and brown community for decades. A community that is still hurting the most during this pandemic. This is a time to undo the harm done 10 years ago and do Justice. During a time of black erasure, We are asking for the last predominately black Council District in all of LA, District 8, the only district that lacks any assets to have the assets that were taken away a decade ago, Expo park and USC. We ask for district 9 to keep the many economic engines like LA Live, Figueroa corridor, and to gain access to parts of DTLA that were taken away as well. We ask for all council members to stand in real solidarity with our black community and speak up. Thank you for your time, Gualberto Rabanales Proud Citizen of CD8

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We ask for all council members to stand in real solidarity with our black community and speak up.

Thank you for your time,

Gualberto Rabanales
Proud Citizen of CD8

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Name: David Mann

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 02:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Councilmembers- I'm Board Member of Mid City West Neighborhood Council and MMRA, but today I'm speaking as an individual. Some of you may have heard me say, with the addition of the Academy Museum, Wilshire and Fairfax will be the most famous art intersection in the world. As such, we need a progressive council district and a progressive Councilperson to represent the arts on the Miracle Mile. We currently have this in Council District 4, and in the able hands of Councilmember Raman. As you know, Tom LaBonge fought for the Miracle Mile be the home for the Art Museums, thus defining Los Angeles as a 21st century progressive city. I ask that in Tom's honor this heritage remain intact as Council District 4. Thank you, David Mann 802 So. Cochran Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90036 818 458 8245

Communication from Public

Name: Talia Greenwald

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I have lived in Park La Brea for two decades and am a member of the Park La Brea Impacted Residents Group. We were thrilled that the Redistricting Commission put our area and the Miracle Mile together with the rest of the Fairfax community (Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Grove, Carthay, Miracle Mile and Miracle Mile North) in CD5. We are in the midst of seismic changes in our area stimulated by the coming of the subway. We are faced with an onslaught of development that will turn our lives upside down and make it harder and harder to find an affordable place to live and navigate the streets to get anywhere. We face the same exact issues as our neighbors along Fairfax, Third, La Brea and Wilshire. We should be together in the same council district as this Redistricting Commission Redistricting is not supposed to be beholden to the political ambitions of a given council member. The majority of Park La Brea residents who voted for Raman would not do so again. Do not be swayed by false arguments. Our community belongs as you have placed us, with CD5. This will ensure that as problems and issues and opportunities present themselves, we can work together with our neighbors in common to ensure that tenants, families, homeowners and business owners who make up our Fairfax, La Brea, and Miracle Mile community can work together to create winning solutions. Talia Greenwald

Communication from Public

Name: Tony Wilkinson

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0668-S7

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly SUPPORT keeping Panorama City and its Neighborhood Council in Council District 6 together with downtown Van Nuys, of which it is an integral part. (The Panorama City post office and ZIP code are sub-stations of the original Van Nuys post office.) Strongly SUPPORT keeping my alma mater, the University of Southern California, in Council District 8 together with historic South Los Angeles, of which it is an integral part. (USC and the big homes on West Adams Boulevard were an effort of the city's leaders to reclaim and improve the notorious area of horse race gambling, drinking and prostitution that existed in the exposition park area south of the city.) Strongly SUPPORT elimination of the nonsense "island" district in the center of the San Fernando Valley that was part of the original draft map from the redistricting commission. (That was a well-meaning effort to balance interest groups that unfortunately did not match any existing concepts of communities in the San Fernando Valley.) Tony Wilkinson, Panorama City resident (2021-11-23)

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 06:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the map. The northeast (Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park and surrounding contiguous communities) should be one Council District and downtown another. Many people in both areas submitted this comment but CD1 and CD14 continue to be gerrymandered districts apparently for the benefit of the Councilmembers as this does NOTHING for the stakeholders. Shame on the Redistricting Commission for not even addressing this issue. The voices of the northeast communities is further muffled by the way Trump conducted the census whereby a significant number of residents who fall into the category of undocumented were NOT counted and the City and County will, as a result, not receive funding for the services they will need. This also means that in the allocation of CDs 1, 14 and others, there is no way to give them balanced representation as the total numbers of residents are unknown. However, Fred Ali made an important observation in concluding the Commission's work: that the City needs to rethink the process and make future commissions truly independent. This needs to start now, not when there is future fighting over the census process or any other crisis that might concurrently arise. I would STRONGLY recommend that at the time of the next mayor taking office that this issue be put forward with input from stakeholders, City officials and relevant departments including the City Attorney's office, the Ethics Commission and the City Clerk.

Communication from Public

Name: Patty Kirby

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 08:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would Like to know WHY many of my posts to the file 20-0668-S7 made the week of 11/15/20 have not been posted yet other posts dated AFTER my submissions and that of many others are not showing up listed in Public Comments. Additionally, The Studio City Neighborhood Council Submitted a CIS dated 11/17/27 has not been posted! Here it is 11/23 the final meeting date and not posted! I see letters posted from others recently dated 11/20 why not the others? Are we being silenced? Patty Kirby

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Bailey

Date Submitted: 11/23/2021 06:54 AM

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