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Summary: The Winnetka Neighborhood Council considers the opportunity to be engaged in the redistricting process an important duty, part of fulfilling our mission along with our stakeholders, working with various agencies and officials to improve our community and the city. We were pleased to have been engaged with the prior Redistricting Commission early on and were able to see important priorities realized, such as the consolidation of our boundaries within a single Council District, a preference stated by many other Neighborhood Councils. For the current process, we feel that there were missed opportunities for the 2021 Redistricting Commission to leverage the expertise and established public meeting structure of NCs citywide to appropriately gauge factors such as Communities Of Interest, and to look beyond the numbers to advance the redistricting process with equity and clarity. As various iterations of draft maps have progressed, we have held in depth discussions at Regular Board and Committee meetings, identifying issues to form the basis of a Community Impact Statement. Specifically, as the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission K 2.5 map was being finalized, we were encouraged as some serious concerns impact our community's stakeholders and how it set NCs against other in promoting their respective stakeholders' interests were being partially mitigated, but the most fundamental issue was moving us and other neighboring NCs from our current odd numbered Council District 3 to an undetermined even numbered district. At our November 9 Board Meetings, Winnetka Neighborhood Council was pleased to be able to move from a previous vote opposing the K 2.5 map to support the City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee's continued reconsideration, to address effects Map K2.5 would have on Winnetka and the surrounding communities, and to refine the redrawn map with boundaries that reflect equity, integrity, and compassion that the Commission claimed as its core values.



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The Winnetka Neighborhood Council considers the opportunity to be engaged in the redistricting process an important duty, an important part of fulfilling our mission along with our stakeholders, working with various agencies and officials to improve our community and the city. We were pleased to have been engaged with the prior Redistricting Commission early on and were able to see important priorities realized, such as the consolidation of our boundaries within a single Council District, a preference stated by many other Neighborhood Councils.

For the current process, we feel that there were missed opportunities for the 2021 Redistricting Commission to leverage the expertise and established public meeting structure of NCs citywide to appropriately gauge factors such as Communities Of Interest, and to look beyond the numbers to advance the redistricting process with equity and clarity. As various iterations of draft maps have progressed, we have held in depth discussions at Regular Board and Committee meetings, identifying issues to form the basis of a Community Impact Statement. Specifically, as the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission K 2.5 map was being finalized, we were encouraged as some of the serious concerns about how it would impact our community's stakeholders were being partially mitigated, but the most fundamental issue was moving us and other neighboring NCs from our current odd numbered Council District 3 to an undetermined even numbered district. Further, as community assets and economic drivers were being shifted, the process eroded joint efforts, and set NCs against each other in promoting their respective stakeholders' interests. At our November 9 Board Meetings, we were pleased to be able to move from a previous vote opposing the K 2.5 map to be in favor of the emerging City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee map, which significantly addresses the key issues:

While WNC was appreciative for being kept wholly within a singular council district in K 2.5, the Board took particular exception to being relocated to an even numbered council district (District 2 or 4).

- This would create a loss of access to not just the centralized CD3 office (co-located with LADOT, LAHSA, and other offices), but also would cut us off from the elected official with whom we've worked diligently and in close partnership to advance community goals. It would leave us with a half-finished and unfunded mission (including Phase 2 determinations and signage relating to designations of locations including Winnetka Park per CF 20-1376-S1) and without leadership who has strong ties to our community and share our vision and passion for our neighborhood.
- Not only did Map K2.5 remove us from our current elected representation, it would also further segregate our neighborhood from important community assets, including Warner Center and Ventura Boulevard retail and restaurant businesses, hugely important economic drivers with employment opportunities that Winnetka residents would lose representation over.
- Furthermore, relocating Winnetka to an even numbered council district would disenfranchise thousands of voices from having say in who represents us. Moving from Council District 3 to either 2 or 4 means that residents would go seven years without casting a vote for their City Councilmember--that's nearly two full council terms. The Ad Hoc Hybrids propose to remedy this. We are proud that the Winnetka neighborhood is comprised of one of the most ethnically diverse communities in all of Los Angeles and it would be shameful to deprive us of our right to duly elected representation.

Therefore, Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly supports the LA City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee's continued reconsideration, to address effects Map K2.5 would have on Winnetka and the surrounding communities, and to refine the redrawn map with boundaries that reflect equity, integrity, and compassion that the Commission claimed as its core values.

Sincerely,

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