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FROM: ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN *AS*
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RE: **Consideration of Plan A3 Amended – Voting Rights Act
Compliant A3 Amended**

The following is a summary of Plan A3 Amended – Voting Rights Act Compliant A3 Amended, as submitted by Supervisor Don Knabe.

1. Plan Summary: This plan is a revision of the Boundary Review Committee ("BRC") Recommended Plan A2, as introduced by Supervisor Knabe at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on August 9, 2011. The plan also reflects a subsequent amendment on August 16, 2011, by Supervisor Knabe to move Westchester. This plan proposes to reassign 96 redistricting units (RDUs) which make up 12 whole or partial communities. The moves of these areas are summarized on page 3, and are further detailed on pages 8-13 of the *Report on Proposed Redistricting Plan – Plan A3 Amended*. The relevant summary page (page 3) is enclosed here as Attachment 1.

2. Population Deviation: The total population deviation in the proposed plan is 1.57 percent.

3. Number of People Moved: This plan reassigns 277,283 people among the five districts. The total population moved to and from each district is summarized on page 7 of the *Report on Proposed Redistricting Plan – Plan A3 Amended*. The relevant page is enclosed here as Attachment 2.

4. Deferred/Advanced Voting: County supervisors are elected to staggered four-year terms. The First and Third Districts elect supervisors at each general election at which the Governor is to be elected (i.e. 2010, 2014, 2018). The Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts elect supervisors at each election which the President appears on the ballot (i.e. 2008, 2012, 2016, etc.). Countywide, 2.3 percent of constituents in the County will be affected by deferral or advancement under this plan. A table containing deferral and advancement information is enclosed here as Attachment 3 and is summarized below.

Advancement

Voters who will be reassigned from the First and Third Districts into the Second, Fourth or Fifth Districts, will have an opportunity to vote for a County supervisor twice in four (4) years (2010, 2012), thus advancing their right to vote for a supervisor.

In the Benchmark First District, 84,065 constituents will be reassigned to either the Second, Fourth or Fifth Districts. As a result of this proposed plan, 4.4 percent of all constituents, 4.7 percent of the citizen voting age population (CVAP), and 4.8 percent of registered voters in the Benchmark First District are advanced.

In the Benchmark Third District, no constituents will be reassigned to either the Second, Fourth or Fifth Districts.

Deferment

Voters who will be reassigned from the Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts into the First and Third Districts, will not have the opportunity to vote for a County supervisor until 2014. For those reassigned voters, six (6) years will have passed since they last had the opportunity to vote for a supervisor.

In the Benchmark Second and Fourth Districts, no constituents will be reassigned to either the First or Third Districts.

In the Benchmark Fifth District, 142,356 constituents will be reassigned to either the First or Third Districts. As a result of this proposed plan, 6.8 percent of all constituents, 6.9 percent of the CVAP, and 6.9 percent of registered voters in the Benchmark Fifth District are deferred.

5. Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP): The CVAP information per district is summarized on page 27 of the *Report on Proposed Redistricting Plan – Plan A3 Amended*. The relevant page is enclosed here as Attachment 4.

6. **Incumbency:** This plan does not displace any supervisor from his/her district.

7. **Contiguity/Compactness:** All five supervisorial districts are contiguous and are reasonably compact.

8. **City/Community Splits:** The following cities/communities that are newly split as a result of this plan are:

<u>City/Community</u>	<u>District Splits</u>
LA City – Westchester*	2 / 4
LA County – Claremont*	1 / 5
LA County – Covina Islands*	1 / 5
LA County – Rowland Heights ¹ *	1 / 4

* Previously split, but areas have now changed districts.

9. **City/Community Unified:** The following cities/communities that are now unified in one district as a result of this plan are:

<u>City/Community</u>	<u>Joined in Which District</u>
West Covina	1
LA City – Silverlake	1
LA County – Florence Firestone	2
LA County – South Whittier	4
LA County – West Whittier/Los Nietos	4

10. **Major Facilities Moved:** This plan moves major facilities out of their current districts. The facilities that are moved are:

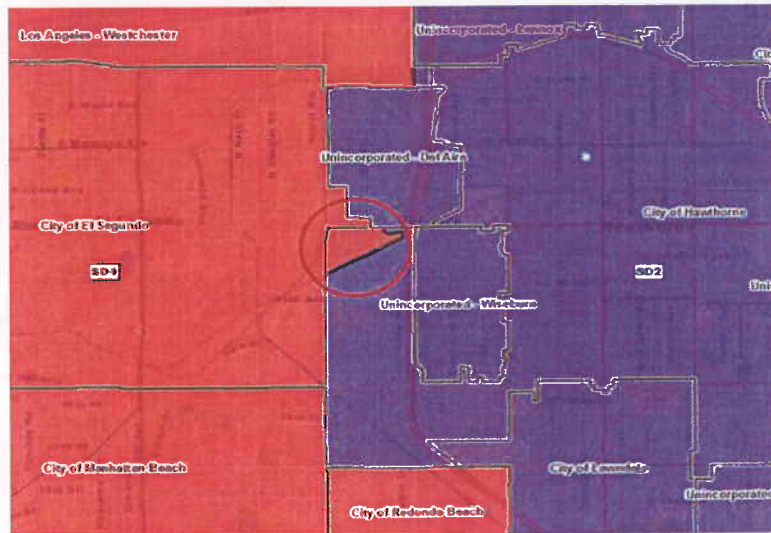
<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Current District</u>	<u>New District</u>
West Covina Civic Center	5	1
West Covina Courthouse	5	1
El Parque Nuestro	1	2
Franklin D. Roosevelt Park	1	2

¹ There remain two RDUs (RDUs 1209 and 1210) in the unincorporated area of Rowland Heights with zero population that are contained wholly within the First District. The Benchmark Plan A1 also has the same two RDUs with zero population in the First District.

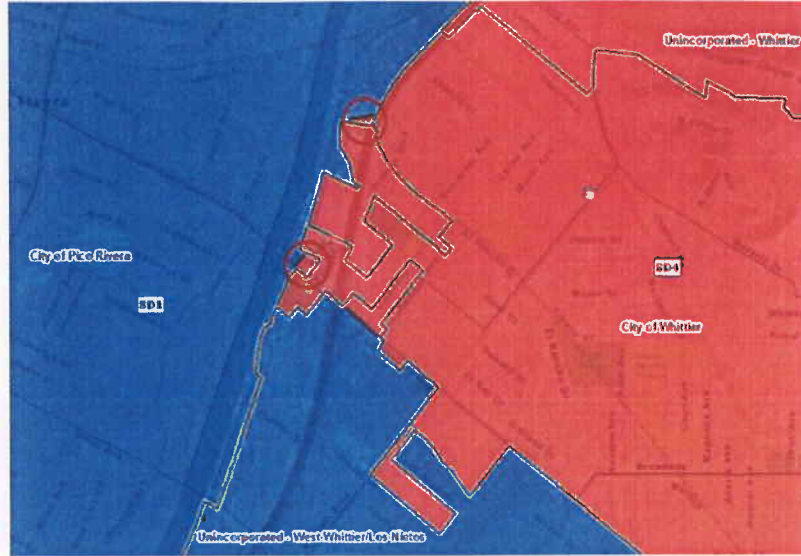
Mayberry Park	1	4
Sorensen Park	1	4
Stephen Sorensen Park	1	4
Public Library – Claremont Library	5	1
Public Library – Graham	1	2
Public Library – Los Nietos	1	4
Public Library – Sorensen Library	1	4
Public Library – West Covina Regional Library	5	1

11. Staff Recommendation: If this plan is adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County redistricting staff recommends that the Board consider adjusting minor anomalies within the plan. These adjustments will move areas with zero or negligible population to appropriate supervisorial districts, and eliminate "islands" within districts or the appearance of a resulting split in a city or unincorporated area. The following adjustments are recommended to Plan A3, and as illustrated below:

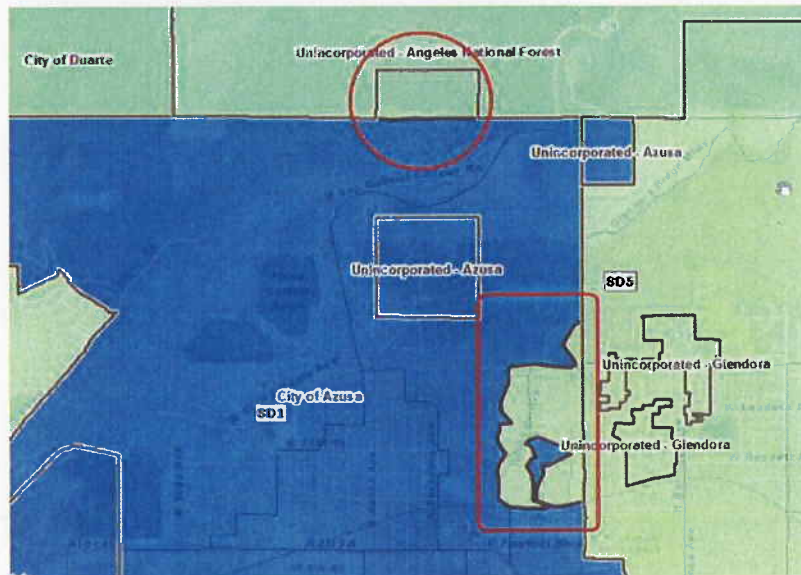
- i. Reassign that portion of Census Tract 602302 currently in the City of Hawthorne and the Fourth District to the Second District, resulting in the City of Hawthorne entirely contained in the Second District (zero population impact).



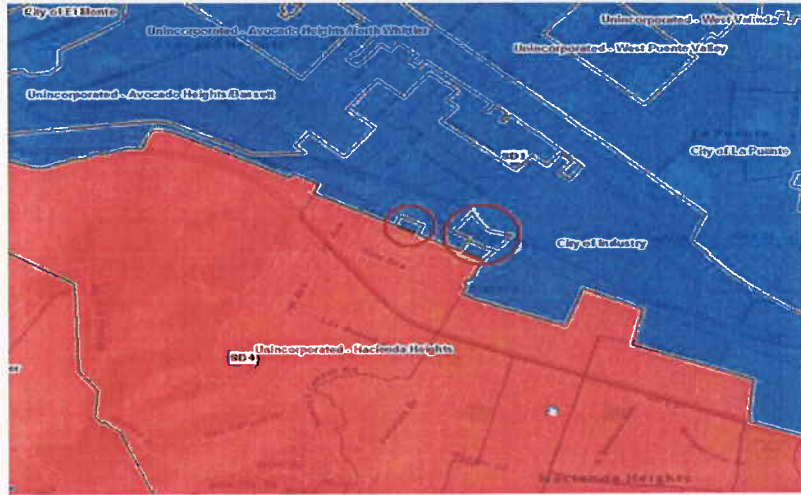
- ii. Reassign that portion of Census Tracts 500403 and 501200 currently in the City of Pico Rivera and the Fourth District to the First District, resulting in the City of Pico Rivera entirely contained in the First District (zero population impact).



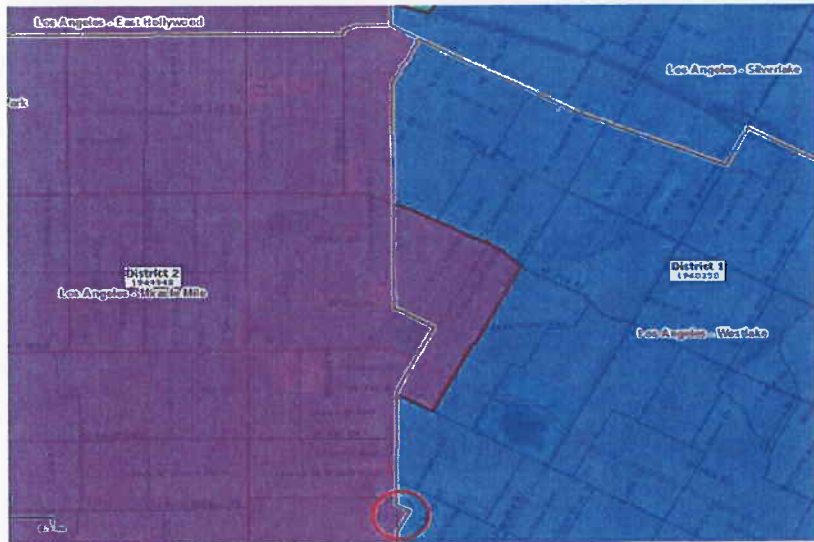
- iii. Reassign that portion of Census Tracts 930301, 400604, and 400800 currently in City of Azusa and the Fifth District to the First District, resulting in the City of Azusa entirely contained in the First District (295 population impact).



- iv. Reassign two separate portions of Census Tract 408401 currently in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights (zero population impact) and the First District, plus that portion of Census Tract 408202 currently in the unincorporated area of Avocado Heights/Basnett (26 population impact) and the First District, all to the Fourth District, resulting in the southern city boundary for the City of Industry being the same as the Supervisorial district boundary.



- v. Reassign that portion of Census Tract 209510 currently in the City of Los Angeles (zero population impact) and the Second District, to the First District, to align with Census Bureau's track definition for 209510.



If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me, Assistant County Counsel Judy W. Whitehurst at (213) 974-1921, Principal Deputy County Counsel Nancy M. Takade at (213) 974-1891, or Deputy County Counsel Truc L. Moore at (213) 974-4334.

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Enclosures

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ATTACHMENT 1

Total Population Reassigned (Moved) by This Plan

This redistricting plan reassigns the County's population per 2010 Census as shown below.

Population Moved "To" District...	Population Moved "From" District...					Total Population Moved
	1	2	3	4	5	
1			15,468		142,356	157,824
2	23,153			22,321		45,474
3						
4	60,912	13,073				73,985
5						
Total Population Moved	84,065	13,073	15,468	22,321	142,356	277,283

NOTES:

1. The data source for this table is the Census Bureau's 2010 Census: Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data.
2. Each row depicts the number of persons who live in areas that would be assigned to the row's district.
3. Each column depicts the number of persons who live in areas that would be assigned to the column's district.
4. The shaded cells are not applicable: same "from" and "to" districts.
5. The bottom row depicts the total population moved **FROM** each district, and the countywide total moved.
6. The right-most column depicts the total population moved **TO** each district, and the countywide total moved.

ATTACHMENT 2

Communities & Total Population Reassigned (Moved) by This Plan

This redistricting plan reassigns the County's population per 2010 Census as shown below.

Ref #	DISTRICT		M O V E D		R E S U L T		BENCH- MARK	PRO- POSED	TOTAL POPULATION MOVED	M O V E D	R E S U L T	M O V E D COMMUNITY	
	BENCH- MARK	PRO- POSED	BENCH- MARK	PRO- POSED	TOTAL POPULATION MOVED	M O V E D							R E S U L T
1	5	1	35,065	A	W	Claremont	7	5	1	422	P	S	LACounty - Claremont
2	1	4	16,223	A	W	Santa Fe Springs	8	5	1	822	P	S	LACounty - Covina Islands
3	5	1	106,047	P	W	West Covina	9	1	2	23,153	P	W	LACounty - Florence/Firestone
4	3	1	15,468	P	W	LACity - Silverlake	10	1	4	5,772	P	S	LACounty - Rowland Heights
5	2	4	13,073	P	S	LACity - Westchester	11	1	4	17,525	P	W	LACounty - South Whittier
6	4	2	22,321	P	S	LACity - Westchester	12	1	4	21,392	P	W	LACounty - West Whittier/Los Nietos
277,283 Total Population Reassigned													

NOTES:

1. The data source for this table is the Census Bureau's 2010 Census: Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data.
2. The column labeled "MOVED" indicates whether all "A" or only a portion "P" of the named community would be "MOVED" by this plan.
3. The column labeled "RESULT" indicates whether the move would result in having the named community be split "S" among or between multiple districts.
4. Or, the column labeled "RESULT" indicates whether the move would result in having the named community remain or become whole "W" within a single district.
5. The TOTAL POPULATION MOVED column depicts the number of persons who live in the reassigned area.

ATTACHMENT 3

