



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)

### CRC MINUTES FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

Live Virtual and In-Person Combination (Hybrid Format)

VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED AT: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Agenda

### AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Thai Le reviewed the COVID-19 protocols, based on the West Los Angeles College (WLAC) protocols.

### AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20, as an emergency measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Executive Order allows local and state agencies to hold virtual meetings via teleconference and make meetings accessible electronically despite open meeting requirements in the Bagley-Keene and Brown Acts. The Governor signed this Executive Order in March 2020 and extended it through September 30, 2021.

The LA County CRC held a hybrid meeting format where Commissioners can attend either in person or virtually and count toward the quorum. Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	In Person	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	No	In Person	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Doreena Wong





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The hybrid meeting was held at the San Fernando City Public Library, operated by the County of Los Angeles as a contracted service to the City of San Fernando. It was also held on site of Supervisorial District 3.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS**

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION**

Co-Chairs Daniel Mayeda and Carolyn Williams provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) INPUT**

A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Attendees were asked to complete the Community of Interest (COI) Google Forms, in lieu of speaker cards. The written and orally presented testimonies the public provided are summarized as COI input during the public hearing and posted on the LA County CRC for ease of access of the public. Individuals interested in learning about the public comments made can either:

- Refer to the COI Google Form summary (posted on the LA County CRC website for this public hearing)
- Listen to the YOUTUBE recording of the public hearing for the oral comments; these comments will be incorporated into the overall summary across public hearings

### ***Highlights of Speakers Providing Public Testimony***

CHIRLA representatives: Their testimonies are attached to the minutes, recorded on YouTube, and posted on the CRC website. Because the two-minute allotment (four-minute allotment if Spanish interpretation required) caused some of them to wrap up their comments, we have attached their comments to these minutes.

- Raquel Cetz – See attachment regarding:

**Thank You,  
San Fernando  
Library, for hosting  
this hybrid COI  
Public Hearing**





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- Northridge (North Hills, Reseda, Chatsworth) – working class, resided there for years, attended CSUN, issues of childcare
- North Hollywood (118, Laurel Canyon, and Lankershim) – Latinx, white, Hawaiian, Black working class; issues of renter relief and affordable housing. 5-6 people reside in small apartments or condos. Low-income community who work as custodians, street vendors, etc.
- Genaro Reyes – See attachment regarding:
  - Northridge (North Hills, Pacoima, Van Nuys – 118, 101, 405) – home to CSUN campus; very diverse. Rental properties. Working class in construction and food industry. Orange line for transportation.
  - Athens-Westmont (Inglewood, Compton – 101, 110, 405)– Metro, dash. Lack of access to medical facilities
- Carolina Moran – Canoga Park (located between Lana Park to the north and Canoga High School to the South – 101 and 118 and Topanga Blvd and Sherman Way) – Lack resources. Have knocked on the doors to get out the vote.
- Margarita Montanez – San Fernando Valley (Valle de San Fernando – Sylmar and Pacoima area – 405, 118, 210) – have lived there for 50 years. City of San Fernando is residential with small apartments with families and working-class residents. Face issues of homelessness, affordable housing, and environmental justice. Support Tree People.
- Sala Rodriguez – San Fernando Valley – 118 and 210 and the San Fernando Road) – Spanish and English-speaking residents. Working class street vendors. Many people live in one apartment. Health issues. Would like 1 supervisorial district. Not like Malibu or the Westside with more higher education resources.
- Areli Hernandez – San Fernando Valley (Balboa, Van Nuys, Laurel Canyon) – Have lived in SFV for 2 decades. SFV has 1.8 million population – diverse, families, and immigrants from all over the world who come together. Have little in common with wealthy communities.
- Rosa Zuniga (her testimony was read aloud) – San Fernando Valley (Olive View, Van Nuys, Laurel Canyon – 118, 405, 5, 210) – have lived there for 11 years. Hispanic, Chicano, Middle Eastern – lower class and middle class. Live in condos. Clean houses, do gardening jobs. Mission College is nearby. Need services catered to lower-class families. Want more libraries.





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- Cindy Montanez – San Fernando Valley and San Fernando City resident. Glad that the meeting is held in San Fernando City. Important to have 1 SD for SFV with 1.8 million (41% Latino). Will have to add communities to reach 2 million so must find similar communities. The SFV is a significant cultural, economic, and educational engine in Los Angeles. Active in Tree People and equity in tree coverage.

## Other public speakers:

- Kim Lamorie, President of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation (LVHF), will be submitting a letter from her organization. She advocated for keeping the Las Virgenes Council of Governments (COG) communities together (e.g., Las Virgenes, Malibu, etc.) who have shared interests with the Santa Monica Mountains, environmental stewardship of resources and private lands, etc.
- Stuart Waldman advocated for 1 SD for the SFV. The SFV does not belong with West Hollywood or Malibu. It has a population of 1.8 million of whom are 41% Spanish and may qualify as a majority minority district. The boundaries are the mountains to the north, San Gabriel Mountains to the East, and Mulholland to the South.
- Chris Rowe of West Hills – has lived there for 42 years; lives near Canoga Park High School. She was working class and worked in the hospitals. Noted that there is no healthcare nearby and stated that services are needed in the western end of SFV. She defined the western end of the SFV as the Simi Hills.

## AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Topic:** Consider Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group or Subcommittee to Review Maps Submitted, Organize Them for Commission Consideration, and/or Develop Working Drafts of Maps for Full Commission Debate — Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

In preparation for reviewing submitted maps, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., provided an overview of the mapping software revisions, datasets, and target release date of the official mapping tool with the official California Public Law (PL) Census data adjusted for the incarcerated population. The datasets that are being integrated into the software tool to start are:





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- RDUs (90,000 versus 3,000)
- Adjusted population and Voter Age Population (VAP) total and by U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) categories
- Unadjusted CVAP by DOJ categories
- 2020 Registration Total and by surname matched categories
- Socio-Economic Data (ACS)
  - Language spoken at home, just Spanish, Asian Language, and Other
  - Renter/owner occupied
  - Income Categories
  - Education Categories
  - Poverty

She outlined that additional data sets will be available for more sophisticated GIS users or interested parties. She has requested that David Ely, Compass Demographics, and Priti Mathur, ARCBridge, meet with the full Commission at the next special meeting, September 29, 2021, with a suggested earlier start time of 6:30 p.m. so that the public hearing portion of the meeting can still begin at 7:00 p.m.

She then presented her Executive Director Report on this topic; the Revised Executive Director Report is posted on the CRC website for this meeting date.

The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

**Public comment:** None

The Commissioners will continue consideration of this topic at the next meeting, including its merits, size (maximum 7 possibly), recordings, and implications in terms of the Bylaws and Brown Act.

## AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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To submit input to the public hearings, including signing up for speaking before the Commission, go to: <https://forms.gle/2SDZSxEuKNZ3ZU1KA>





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## Attachment – CHIRLA COI FORMS



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Community name</b>	<b>About the community</b>	<b>Nearby areas to include or not include</b>	<b>Other community information</b>	<b>Other public comments</b>
Michelle Sewrathan Wong	-	-	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-1).</i>
Sarah Priest	-	-	-	-	-	I submit Topanga should be allowed to continue with current districting plans. Thank you. Sarah Priest – Topanga resident
Christine Alles	-	-	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-2).</i>
Mari	90002	John Ave	We're a very close community, we look out for each other. We had have a few block parties on 4th of July, except the past two (2) years because of the Pandemic. Is very important to continue to stay together and see each other's well being	We are close to the Watts community which is growing and getting better , but our community is getting plenty of homeless population and using our sidewalks as homes. Our bus stop line 55 had been moved it's affecting seniors who commute thru buses	-	I would like to see more patrolling officers and less homelessness, our community would look much cleaner and children can feel safe while walking to schools. I would like to see our Washington park having a senior center open as well as the swimming pool for our children.
Eunice Song	90020	Koreatown	KAC is a member of the Koreatown Redistricting Task force as well as a member of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, which is part of	-	-	-

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			<p>the AAPI &amp; AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative, and we are in full support of the collaborative's map proposal.</p> <p>One of this Commission's primary mandates is to maintain the geographic cohesion of an existing community. The residents of "Koreatown" is one such community - that has existed for decades - comprised of one of the most populous, ethnically vibrant communities in the city. As an immigrant-heavy community where English is a second language, we need solidified representation that prioritizes our community as a whole, met by a single elected official that reflects our community needs, instead of having accountability diffused.</p> <p>This large and diverse body collectively owns businesses, works, and makes a living together, and disrupting this close interlocking of work and livelihood could affect the people in various negative ways. By keeping Koreatown consolidated,</p>			
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			<p>geographic cohesion is maintained, enabling our diverse community to thrive.</p> <p>We once again urge the Commission to keep Koreatown, Los Angeles whole to heed the census data and our voices, and keep us unified in a single district.</p>			
Wendy Miranda	90744	Wilmington	<p>Wilmington is a majority people of color and working class community. A lot of folks work for the surrounding industry, gardeners, domestic, street vendors, etc. Many work outside of their community and travel to other cities to work- long beach, palos verdes, and greater LA area. Most housing available are single-family homes and multi-generational. There are some affordable housing, but definitely not enough especially considering high rent and residents being primarily working class. We are greatly impacted by industry which is one of the issues that the community cares about. We, as a community, really want to fight for</p>	<p>Communities such as San Pedro, Harbor City, and Long Beach a</p>	-	-

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			environmental justice in order to protect the lives and health of community members.			
sara daleiden	90015	Antelope Valley Rural Towns Supporters	Los Angeles County neighbors who support rural life in Antelope Valley and Los Angeles County	Support Antelope Valley rural towns to be in a district separate from urban or suburban areas of Los Angeles County	Strong commitment to and experience of rural life in Los Angeles County even when County has some of the most urban areas in the world.	I encourage consideration of a new supervisorial district for Antelope Valley and any rural areas of Los Angeles County as I am concerned the current district definitions aren't serving our rural neighbors accurately. Thank you!
Matthew Lum	-	Thai Town	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-3).</i>
Eunice Song	-	Koreatown	-	-	-	<i>(See Attachment A-4).</i>
Tony Castro	92856	The Good Guys	Changing the world for the better	I want the 47th congressional district to include Long Beach, Carson, Compton, watts, willowbrook, and Athens	-	-
Kim Lamorie - President - Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation	91302	Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation	Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation	-	-	<i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i>
Stuart Waldman	91406	San Fernando Valley	Getting shortchanged	Valley only	-	<i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i>

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<p>Carolina Moran</p>	<p>91304</p>	<p>San Fernando Valley</p>	<p><i>(English translation available following Spanish)</i></p> <p>Nombre: Carolina Moran</p> <p>Buenas tardes comisionados, me llamo Carolina Mora, y soy miembro de La Coalición por los Derechos Humanos de los Inmigrantes (CHIRLA). Hoy voy hablar por mi comunidad inmigrante de San Fernando Valle en Canoga Park de la que he sido parte por los últimos 16 años. El vecindario está ubicado entre el parque Lanark que sería el norte de mi comunidad hasta la Canoga High School al sur. Las autopistas principales son el 101 y el 118. Las calles principales son la Topanga Blvd y Sherman Way. Canoga Park es principalmente una área residencial. El tipo de vivienda que hay en mi comunidad es muchos apartamentos en donde viven dos familias en un solo apartamento. Pero, también se ven terrenos vacíos en mi comunidad.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i></p>
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			<p>rights every Thanksgiving week down the streets of Van Nuys Blvd from Glens Oaks to Laurel Canyon. Redistricting is important to me because it gives me an opportunity to share my voice. I have volunteered to help get out the vote in every election including special elections and the census 2020 by knocking on my neighbors door. To conclude, it is important that the commission keep my immigrant community in the Valley together. By keeping the following North Hollywood, Winnetka, Reseda, Van Nuys, Arleta, Pacoima, Panorama City neighborhoods together in one district we will be able to elect a representative from the community.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to speak today.</p>			
Rosa Zuniga	91342	San Fernando Valley	<p>Buenas tardes comisionados, me llamo Rosa Zuniga, soy inmigrante y miembro de la Coalición por los Derechos Humanos de los Inmigrantes (CHIRLA). Hoy voy a hablar acerca de mi comunidad en el Valle de San Fernando en</p>	-	-	<p><i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live interpreted comments).</i></p>

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			<p>donde he vivido por 11 años.</p> <p>Mi comunidad está ubicada entre el hospital Olive View como la parte norte y termina en el sur en la ciudad de Van Nuys. Las calles principales en mi comunidad son Hubbard Blvd, San Fernando Blvd, Truman, GlenOaks, Laurel Canyon, y la Foothill.</p> <p>Las autopistas principales son el 118, 405, 5, y el 210. En mi comunidad vive mucho Hispano, Chicanos, y también se empieza a ver mas personas del medio este. Hablamos inglés y Español.</p> <p>Las personas que viven alrededor de mi son de clase baja y clase mediana baja. Mis vecinos y yo vivimos en apartamentos, casas, condominios. Regularmente en estas viviendas viven familias completas incluyendo abuelos, hijos, y nietos.</p> <p>Aquí en mi comunidad se ven más trabajos de obra. Hay trabajos en jardinería, fábricas de plástico como la Pepsi, limpieza de casa,</p>			
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		<p>y vendedores ambulantes.</p> <p>San Fernando tiene clínicas comunitarias y varios parques. El parque de las Palmas tiene servicios para las personas mayores de edad y el Parque de César Chávez tiene programas para la comunidad como clases de natación.</p> <p>El Nido, es una organización en mi comunidad que tiene programas para las mujeres y familias. En mi comunidad tenemos el colegio comunitario de Los Angeles Mission. Para los estudiantes de la preparatoria tenemos la escuela de San Fernando.</p> <p>Necesitamos más limpieza de las calles. Servicios de dentista y visión de bajo recursos o bajo costo. Necesitamos más librerías, porque ahorita solamente tenemos la librería de Sylmar y San Fernando.</p> <p>También tenemos necesidad de trabajo y de vivienda. Hay ciertos lugares, como en el centro de San Fernando, en</p>			
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		<p>donde vendedores ambulantes no pueden vender. Entonces la gente se ve limitada en los lugares que puede trabajar.</p> <p>Mi comunidad en Sylmar es similar a Pacoima, y Arleta porque compartimos las mismas autopistas y vive gente pobre en estas ciudades.</p> <p>Mi comunidad es diferente a Calabazas, Porter Rach y Woodland Hills porque en esas comunidades viven personas de clase alta y tienen acceso a más recursos de salud.</p> <p>Es importante que mi comunidad se mantenga unida porque nos preocupamos por los siguientes temas: acceso a trabajos, fondos para nuestras escuelas, viviendas accesibles, y acceso a recursos de inmigración y salud.</p> <p>Manteniendo los siguientes vecindarios Sylmar, Arleta, Pacoima, Sun Valley, y Van nuys juntos en un distrito podemos elegir a un representante que provenga de la comunidad</p>			
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			<p>y que responda a nuestras necesidades.</p> <p>Gracias por la oportunidad de hablar hoy.</p>			
Soila Rodriguez	91342	San Fernando Valley	<p>Hello commissioners, my name is Soila Rodriguez and I am a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA). I have lived in the San Fernando Valley ever since I came to the US at the age of 8. Today I will be talking about my community as an immigrant that is proud to call the San Fernando Valley my home.</p> <p>My community is bounded by the Los Angeles Forest in the North, North Hills in the West, Van Nuys in the South, and Sun Valley in the East. The main freeways connecting these cities are the 118, 405, 210, 170, and 5. The main streets used by my community are Van Nuys Blvd, Laurel Canyon Blvd, Gleanoaks, and San Fernando Rd.</p> <p>San Fernando is home to a population of 1.8 million</p>	Calabasas, Malibu, WoodlandHills, Porter Ranch, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood	-	<i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i>

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			<p>residents, of which 40% are Latinos many of them being immigrants. Other predominant races are African American, Asian, and White. My community is made up of poor, working class, and lower middle class. The languages most commonly spoken are Spanish and English. We work in construction, landscaping, plastic production factories, food packaging companies, and as street vendors.</p> <p>The community here live in apartments, mobile homes, small homes, garages, and condos. It's typical to see families of 6 to 8 people living in a small apartment or home. Due to the rise in rent, many families have been displaced from their homes.</p> <p>One of the issues in my community is not only accessibility to affordable housing but also the rate in which the homeless population has grown. Just a block away from my house there is a line of trailers parked outside of the Olive View Hospital.</p>			
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			<p>Instead of addressing the homeless issues, these people were simply pushed out with street signs that did not allow them to park there. We need to fix the systems that continue to push communities of color out of their homes and into the streets.</p> <p>We also lack access to affordable health care, especially for the immigrant community. In San Fernando we have organizations like MEND and El Nido that provide some services, but they can't service the entire valley. My mother, who suffers from Diabetes, goes to a private clinic where she pays \$150 per visit and that's not counting her medication, because she does not qualify for medicaid.</p> <p>The San Fernando Valley also has a policing problem. I have witnessed my father and uncle get racially profiled by the police several times. Even San Fernando, Van Nuys, Panorama, and Sylmar high schools house their own police department. My</p>			
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		<p>community does not need more policing, we need long term investment through criminal justice reforms for our students and communities of color.</p> <p>I ask that you keep Sylmar, Pacoima, San Fernando, North Hills, Van Nuys, Panorama, Reseda, Canoga Park, North Hollywood, and Sun Valley in one supervisorial district. My community of San Fernando is incredibly different from communities in Calabasas, Malibu, WoodlandHills, Porter Ranch, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood. These cities house wealthy residents, and they do not prioritize creating long term solutions that address affordable housing. Those regions have access to resources such as healthcare and higher education which we lack due the differences in property taxes that fund our schools and public services.</p> <p>It's important that you unite my community that has been divided to disempower and erase us</p>			
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			<p>because we care about environmental justice, immigration, covid relief, homelessness, criminal justice reform, access to education, access to healthcare for immigrant and low income communities, housing, reproductive rights, and worker rights.</p> <p>And we need a representative that not only comes from the community but has lived experiences here in San Fernando and is responsive to our needs.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.</p>			
Genaro Reyes	91325	San Fernando Valley and South Central	<p>Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Genaro Reyes, I am a child of immigrants and a member of CHIRLA. Today I offer you two communities of interest. I lived for 22 years in West Athens and for the past 4 years I have lived and attended university in San Fernando Valley. Today, I am going to speak for my community of Northridge and West Athens.</p>	-	-	<i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i>

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			<p>The first community of interest is in South Central, with cities like: West-Athens, Huntington Park, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Compton.</p> <p>These places share jobs in laborious and low-wage facilities, like food and customer service, which do not encourage generational wealth. They lack the education and resources needed to exit the cycle of working classdom.</p> <p>My community in West Athens is located on Century and South Vermont, surrounded by the 101, the 110 and the 405 highways. To move around in my community, we have the Metro, Dash and Gardena buses as well as the Green Line. West Athens has resources like Memorial Hospital of Gardena and University of South Los Angeles and Southwest College.</p> <p>However, West Athens lacks in resources such as: clinics and healthcare, childcare and job academies.</p>			
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		<p>The second community of interest is in San Fernando Valley, which includes: Northridge, North Hills, Reseda, Pacoima and Van Nuys.</p> <p>Northridge is made up of working class and lower-middle class people. Here, apartments with one to two bedrooms that house families of four, five or six are often seen. Other housing units may include rentals, mobile homes, studios, townhomes and small, single-family homes not affordable to working class members.</p> <p>These communities enjoy high educational institutions, but lack the resources and access to jobs that could improve the communities as a whole. They often work in construction, grocery stores, gardening and food preparation or customer service.</p> <p>My community in Northridge is located between Nordhoff and Reseda, surrounded by the 118, 405 and the 101. I can use the Dash and Metro Buses, and the Orange and Red lines to travel. CSUN has the</p>			
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			<p>highest number of commuter population that would travel down to Reseda to catch the Orange and Red lines. I was one of those students, and it would take me around 6 hours of travel. I'm not alone in this, many of the low-income students commuted to CSUN because they could not afford to live at CSUN. Resources here include: the Northridge Public Library, Tarzana Treatment Center, as well as some of the spaces offered by CSU Northridge such as the Food Pantry, the Pride Center, the Black House, the Chicanx House and the Women's Resource Center. Northridge is also home to our local community college; Pierce Community College. However, Northridge may be lacking in: non-profit, affordable housing and mental health services.</p> <p>In both communities, we share Latin descent, and exist among other groups such as Black, South Asian, East Asian, and Middle Eastern. The major difference is in Northridge,</p>			
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			<p>which is predominantly White and European.</p> <p>Other than English, community members in Northridge also speak Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Korean, Thai and Mandarin. It is very diverse. There are often no street festivals or parades to introduce us to the rich cultures and traditions of the world.</p> <p>We have been divided so as to disempower and erase us, yet we call for assistance on pressing issues like: environmental justice, immigration, COVID relief, homelessness, policing, access to proper education, healthcare, civil rights and worker's rights.</p> <p>By ensuring that West Athens and Northridge together with the respective cities mentioned before, our representatives can continue to support our much needed issues and improve the standard living condition.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to speak for my community</p>			
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			and for your time, commissioners!			
Areli Hernandez	91356	San Fernando Valley	<p>Good Evening commissioners and thank you for your service. My name is Areli Hernandez, and I am a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA). As an immigrant, I proudly call the San Fernando Valley my home, and have for more than two decades.</p> <p>I come before you today, to tell you about my community of interest. Working class immigrant families that reside all across the valley from Canoga Park, Winnetka, Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Arleta, Pacoima, San Fernando, and Sylmar. The neighborhood is bounded between Canoga Park on the west side, Sun Valley on the east and Sylmar on the north side. The main freeways in our Valley are the 101, 405, and the 5. The streets that connect our valley community are Parthenia, Roscoe, Sherman Way and Victory Blvd. Other main streets</p>	-	-	<i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i>

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			<p>are Balboa, Van Nuys Blvd, Sepulveda Blvd, Canoga Ave, and De Soto Ave.</p> <p>There are approximately 1.8 million residents in the Fernando Valley, and it is primarily a residential and commercial area. The older areas of the valley which include Canoga, Reseda, and Van Nuys are known for being family residences with mostly single family homes and apartment units. Other places in the Valley such as San Valley and parts of Van Nuys are warehouses, junk yards and commercial traffic spaces.</p> <p>The Valley is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the U.S., being home to many Latinex communities which include Peruvians, Chileans, Argentinians, along with many more. There are also larger communities of Russian, Vietnamese and Filipino immigrants. The primary languages spoken besides English in the Valley are Spanish with some residents speaking Indo-European languages,</p>			
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			<p>Vietnamese, and Tagalog. The immigrant families that I grew up with in Lanark Park in Canoga Park are low income and working class people. Most of the immigrant families and individuals have service industry jobs such as grocery clerks, housing keeping, gardening, bussers, jornaleros, day laborers.</p> <p>One of the biggest concerns of the working class immigrant community is housing accessibility which has been further exacerbated by the pandemic. In neighborhoods around Lanark Park where my family lived for many years, families like mine used to be able to easily afford a 2 bedroom rental for \$500 to \$600 in 2004. During those times my mom who had a job as a janitor would have been able to pay monthly rent on her salary alone. Now, these immigrant families are getting priced out of our neighborhoods because many working class immigrant families can no longer afford a 2 bedroom rental unit that</p>			
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			<p>costs over \$2000 a month. Many of these families have multigenerational households with two to three industry job salaries, and they are still struggling to put a roof over their head and food on the table.</p> <p>Another issue that is really important to San Fernando Valley residents is transportation. The red line ends in North Hollywood, commuters in the working communities such as Canoga Park, Sylmar, Pacoima have to take multiple transfers in order to get from their homes, to their jobs, or appointments. Though the orange line busway has been a great addition, it too has shortcomings such as a substantial gap between Balboa and Reseda stations. And I don't need to tell you how notorious freeway traffic on the 101 or 405 are for commuters who chose personal vehicles.</p> <p>I grew up living in several communities across California, where I as an immigrant did not identify nor feel welcomed. That's</p>			
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			<p>why I am so glad to call the valley my home. I am glad that Los Angeles County is a Welcoming Community to workers, families, and immigrant families such as mine. The valley's welcoming warmth makes it accessible to immigrants, workers, and families. And so to conclude, my community in San Fernando Valley is different from the coastal communities of Malibu and Santa Monica. Also, the communities that I mentioned do not share similar interests with affluent neighborhoods in Agoura Hills, Bell Canyon, Calabasas, Encino or Woodland Hills. By keeping the neighborhoods from Canoga Parks in the west to Sun Valley in the east, and Sylmar to the north together, in one district, working class immigrant families will have an opportunity to elect a champion that is responsive to our needs.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you tonight.</p>			
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<p>Raquel Cetz</p>	<p>91325 / 91605</p>	<p>San Fernando Valley</p>	<p>Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Raquel Cetz and I am a CHIRLA member, a DACA beneficiary, and a daughter of immigrants. Today I offer you two communities of interest. Northridge, which I lived around the area for 5 years, now reside in North Hollywood. Today, I am going to speak on behalf of my communities in Northridge and North Hollywood.</p> <p>The first community of interest Northridge, with cities surrounding it such as: Granada Hills, North Hills, Reseda, Lake Balboa, Canoga Park, Pacoima, and Chatsworth</p> <p>Northridge's population is made up of poor working-class and middle-class individuals such as young professionals and some who work at surrounding schools. Around this area live people who have resided here for years are homeowners and own properties. While on the other hand Northridge also is home to immigrant and</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><i>(See recording for 9/22/21 public hearing for live comments).</i></p>
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			<p>first-generation families who live in apartment or condo complexes that hold up to 5-6 people in a single.</p> <p>During the 4 years I lived in Northridge I was attending as an undergraduate at Cal State Northridge and was able to see the rapid changes and lack of access to resources such as legal, child-care, youth and adult recreational or developmental activities, access to grocery stores, and the ability to pay rent. Many of the population I interacted with were low-income community members given that many of them worked fast food, on-campus as contracted workers - custodians and tram workers, and as food street vendors.</p> <p>My community in Northridge is located between Plummer St, and Reseda Blvd, surrounded by the 118, 405, 210, 27, and 101. CSUN has the highest number of commuter students who use the following lines to get from areas afar such as Los Angeles, East LA, Inglewood, and Palmdale. I relied on using the DASH</p>			
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			<p>and Metro services specifically the 204/744 buses and then caught the orange line/red line buses to reach my destination which totaled to a 4-hour daily commute as a worker and student, which a lot of community has to endure long trips in order to ensure we have enough to pay our basic necessities in order to survive as human beings.</p> <p>Resources that do exist in the community and do their best to provide services as sometimes they are limited on funding are as follows: Northridge Public Library, Tia Chuchas Centro Cultural, CHIRLA - Pacoima, MEND Poverty, Pacoima Beautiful</p> <p>On the CSUN Campus: Food Pantry, Emergency Student housing, Womens resources Center, Klotz Health Center, and our University Student Union which offers student support services as well.</p> <p>Resources here include: the Northridge Public Library, Tarzana Treatment Center, as well as some of the spaces offered by CSU Northridge such as the Food Pantry, the Pride Center, the Black</p>			
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			<p>House, the Chicax House, and the Women's Resource Center. Northridge is also home to our local community college; Pierce Community College.</p> <p>Although Northridge has a lot of surrounding support and resources from other cities it needs increased funding and attention from political leaders to provide local legal support, child care support, in language services, affordable access to healthcare // mental + community clinics, and due to increase in gentrification affordable housing.</p> <p>The second community of interest is North Hollywood the intersections and cities that surround the areas are as follows: the intersections of Laurel Canyon and Lankershim and cities of Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley, Panorama City, Van Nuys, and Valley Glen.</p> <p>I have lived here for 1 year and there is definitely a huge difference in terms of housing accessibility and a clear wealth gap. A center point where the</p>			
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			<p>wealth gap distinction is visible is once one reaches the North Hollywood, Red and orange line bus stations. Here, the drastic change is visible simply by having more healthy grocery store options, gyms, accessibility to public transportations, expensive and luxurious apartments, along with a younger workforce and professionals who are stable enough to be able to afford these places. Some areas that are different that also surround North Hollywood are Burbank, NoHo Arts District, Sherman Oaks, Toluca Lake, and Magnolia Park</p> <p>Some of the surrounding freeways are the 170, 101, 134, 210, and 405</p> <p>North Hollywood is made up of a diverse population of Caucasians and Latinx along with a smaller population of black, Asians, Native Americans, and Hawaiian.</p> <p>There are small businesses, local - mom and pop shops who have barely kept afloat during this pandemic, as well as the community having to resort to joining the street</p>			
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			<p>vending scene (Tamaleros, Paleteros, Junk Scrap metal pickups, flower vendors ) due to the pandemic many lost their jobs and had to use their creativity and skillsets to ensure they make enough money to sustain themselves and their families.</p> <p>Both of these regions face similar issues and deserve have assistance on pressing issues such as: COVID-19, Renters relief, jobs, Houselessness, Affordable homes, policing, educational access, better environmental conditions, healthcare, mental healthcare services, community clinics, immigration + legal support, worker &amp; tenant rights</p> <p>By ensuring Northridge and North Hollywood stay surrounded by the respective cities I mentioned, I again urge our political representatives to ensure more dollars and in language, services are invested in empowering the community and</p>			
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			<p>providing them with the necessary resources in order to stay afloat within their districts.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to speak for my community and for your time, commissioners!</p>			
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Name: Michelle Sewrathan Wong  
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Organization: Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council

Hello. My name is Michelle Sewrathan Wong and I am a resident of Burbank, California. I am a mother of two boys, aged 4 and 7, and have been a resident of this community for a little less than a year. Geographically, Burbank is flanked by the I-5 freeway to the northeast, the 134 freeway to the south, and Vineland avenue to the east.

Currently I serve as the Program Director for the nonprofit, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON). A3PCON is a member of two multiracial coalitions advocating for equitable representation for communities of color in the redistricting process: the People's Bloc and the AAPI & AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. My primary responsibility is to provide oversight of multiple federal, state and county health grants within our coalition of over 40 community-serving organizations. Our coalition members are a mix of direct service providers and organizations advancing equity through grassroots advocacy and policy and legislative change.

Like many residents in this community, my family moved to the City of Burbank for the excellent school district and access to high quality recreational centers, parks and the low rates of crime. My neighborhood is a mix of long time residents and newer transplants with younger children. While predominantly comprised of professionals working in the healthcare, management, media and technology industries, there are also retirees, people working in the service industry and small business owners.

Demographically, Burbank is overwhelmingly white. According to Census 2020 data, 60% of the population identifies as white, 23% Hispanic or Latino, 12% Asian and less than 3% Black. Interestingly, close to 30% of the population is foreign born. This gives Burbank a unique mix of immigration stories and cultural and food offerings.

The majority of housing stock in Burbank consists of single -family homes, with multi-level apartments concentrated along the city's boundaries. Burbank is consistently ranked as having some of the most expensive home prices in the country. This is in stark contrast to the many low-income, predominantly immigrant communities who move to Burbank to give their children a better chance at life. As a community, Burbank does well to support these families. There are city-funded programs that offer job training, ESL classes, free early childcare and many subsidized recreational youth programs.

It is important that my community stick together so we can continue to provide excellent schools, green spaces and youth centered programming to all families, regardless of income, race, ethnicity or immigration status.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story with you.

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August 24, 2021

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission  
P.O. Box 56447  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Dear Commissioners:

As the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission considers boundaries for the County's five supervisorial districts following the recent release of federal census data, the City of Burbank would like to strongly advocate for the classification of the tri-city area of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena as a Community of Interest and its continued inclusion within the same supervisorial district. A Community of Interest (COI) is a contiguous population sharing common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Given its historic ties, demographic and economic similarities, shared legislative and municipal objectives, and joint coordination on regional safety and public service programs, the tri-city area of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena should be considered a COI and maintained within the same supervisorial district.

*History*

Characterized as older suburbs, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena share a similar history as former Ranchos that saw the development of townsites in the 1880s. Located on former land grants from the Spanish and Mexican governments in the early to mid-1800s, Glendale and the eastern part of Burbank occupy what was formerly Rancho San Rafael, while west Burbank was once part of Rancho La Providencia. Pasadena sits on land that was formerly managed by the San Gabriel Mission and later became Rancho el Rincon de San Pascual.

Coinciding with a land boom in the 1880s and the growth of manufacturing and tourism in the region, the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena experienced extensive population growth and incorporated in 1911, 1906, and 1886, respectively. The 1920's and 1930's saw increased housing development and commercial activity in the tri-city area as well as the establishment of economic, cultural, and civic institutions, from Warner Bros., Walt Disney studios, and Lockheed in Burbank, to a junior college district and the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, and the Rose Bowl stadium in Pasadena. All three cities enjoyed a wartime industrial boom in the 1940s and continue to promote

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economic vitality for their business community through joint economic development initiatives.

As charter cities with a Council-Manager form of government, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena have local control over municipal affairs and espouse similar objectives to address the needs of their residents and business communities. As full-service cities, they provide their own safety and utility services, contain independent school districts, and advocate for similar municipal priorities.

The cities further share common neighborhood aesthetics, from tree-lined single-family neighborhoods, to equestrian rancho areas (Burbank and Glendale), and the preservation of open space - Glendale has 50 public parks, Burbank has 41 parks and facilities, and Pasadena has 24 parks. Beautiful, thriving neighborhoods are central aspects to the quality of life the tri-cities provide for their residents.

*Demographics and Economic Background*

The tri-cities further share similar demographics and economic metrics, with populations ranging from 105,000 to 205,000. Concentration of population per square mile, median age, and median housing values are comparable between the three cities. Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena also share diverse populations, with White, Hispanic, Asian, and Black residents comprising the largest demographic categories.

*Joint Ventures*

Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena work in concert on several joint ventures to provide transportation, business, and safety services to the region. As a community of interest, the tri-cities region is closely connected by economic development initiatives. Historically, with their proximity to Los Angeles and population increases associated with the growth of manufacturing industries, the tri-cities boast a diverse economic base, from entertainment to professional services to businesses that serve the aviation and technological sectors. The region is home to thousands of entertainment and media companies and tens of thousands of tech and creative industry jobs. As the “Media Capital of the World”, Burbank’s economic activities are closely tied to economic sectors in neighboring Glendale and Pasadena.

Both Glendale and Burbank participate in the Valley Economic Alliance, a non-profit private-public collaborative that aims to boost economic vitality in the San Fernando Valley. Additionally, Burbank and Glendale have partnered to participate in an economic development campaign to create a brand identity for the tri-city area as an entrepreneurial

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hub. Efforts are underway to create marketing materials for the new brand to attract employers and encourage entrepreneurship. By leveraging the combined assets of these cities, the campaign seeks to make the region more competitive and attractive to technology firms, start-ups, and new talent.

The tri-cities further participate in the larger Arroyo Verdugo Communities Subregion Joint Powers Authority (JPA), which also consists of La Cañada Flintridge, South Pasadena, and the unincorporated communities of Montrose/La Crescenta. Formed in 2018, the JPA oversees the subregion's five-year transportation program and expenditure of Metro Measure M funds towards the region's transit needs. Connected by Interstate 5 and State Highway 134, the tri-cities have repeatedly coordinated on regional transportation initiatives. In its early history, Burbank secured an extension to the Los Angeles-Glendale Pacific Electric streetcar line, facilitating transit for Burbank residents in the region. Today, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena are working jointly to complete a transit fleet electrification study for their local routes to respond to state-mandated regulations that promote zero-emission transit vehicles. The study is currently underway and represents a regional effort to mutually address state transportation and environmental goals. Lastly, the three cities each appoint members to the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, a separate government agency created under a joint powers agreement in 1977 to oversee operations at the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

In the area of public safety, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena coordinate on regional fire and police efforts, including the Police Air Support Unit. Established in 1979, the Air Support Unit, located at the Hollywood Burbank Airport, operates seven days a week conducting surveillance, fire observation, search and rescue, and 'green pool' mosquito-abatement operations. Additionally, the tri-cities founded the Verdugo Fire Communications Center (VFCC) in 1979 to optimize use of fire service and defense resources and today also provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and rescue dispatch services to nine other cities in the region. Finally, all three cities operate publicly owned utilities and serve as members of the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) which oversees planning and operation of power generation projects, such as the Magnolia Power Project (MPP). While SCPPA owns the MPP, Burbank Water and Power operates the natural gas-fired electric generating plant to provide clean energy to member agencies, including Glendale and Pasadena.

The cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena are closely connected through historical ties, demographic and economic similarities, legislative and municipal objectives, and joint agreements that promote safety and reliable services for their communities.

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Maintaining the tri-cities within the same County supervisorial district would allow these municipalities to continue to effectively leverage resources towards meeting local and state goals, advocate their policy stances from a regional perspective, and provide a high quality of life and economic vitality for residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

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Bob Frutos, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Jess A. Talamantes in blue ink.

Jess A. Talamantes, Vice Mayor

Handwritten signature of Sharon Springer in blue ink.

Sharon Springer, Council Member

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Konstantine Anthony, Council Member

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Nick Schultz, Council Member

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## MATTHEW LUM'S TESTIMONY FOR THE LA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### INTRODUCTION

My name is Matthew Lum and I'm the Board Chair of the Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC). Thai CDC is a member of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council, which is a part of the People's Bloc. The Thai CDC's mission is to advance the social and economic well-being of low and moderate income Thais and other ethnic communities in the greater Los Angeles area through a broad and comprehensive community development strategy including human rights advocacy, affordable housing, access to healthcare, promotion of small businesses, neighborhood empowerment, and social enterprises.

### DEFINING COMMUNITY AND THAI TOWN

The Thai Community Development Center is an Asian Pacific Islander non-profit dedicated to the East Hollywood community consisting of immigrant communities from Thailand, Armenia, and El Salvador. Our non-profit founded the commercial district known as Thai Town which starts at Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue to as far east as Vermont Avenue and south to Santa Monica Boulevard which is east of the US 101 freeway.

### THAI IMMIGRATION HISTORY

There are an estimated 100,000 Thais in Southern California. Though Thais have been coming to the US since the 1950s, the latest immigration wave have started from the 1980's until present, is characterized by immigrants with lower educational attainment (only up to a third grade level of education) and an unskilled/semi skilled workforce whose lack of English language proficiency and undocumented status makes them vulnerable to the most severe and egregious forms of exploitation. It is this group that represents the target population of Thai CDC. Because Thais are economic immigrants and are not refugees like other Southeast Asians in the United States, they are not eligible for public benefits and therefore, tend to fall through the cracks, having no resources to turn to for help when in need.

- 33% of Thais earned less than \$15,000 in annual income. (The median income in LA county for a family of four is \$52,300.)
- 29% of the Thai labor force is unskilled workers, the highest percentage in an occupation category.
- 42% of Thais do not have a high school diploma (LA country average is 16%)

### EAST HOLLYWOOD DEMOGRAPHIC

In regards to the East Hollywood residents, The East Hollywood community is a very diverse mix of Latin Americans, Armenians, Russians and Thais. According to the US Census 2000, 35% live below the poverty (state average – 14%), 16% are unemployed (HealthyCity.org; Bureau of Labor Statistics.), 13% receive public assistance (state average – 5%, national -3%)

## CONCLUSION

I request that Thai Town be considered as an entire district and not be divided into separate districts because of the unique demographic of the area, the need for affordable housing, and access to jobs. Thank you so much for your time commissioners.

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KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION

### COI: Koreatown

My name is Eunice Song, and I am the Executive Director of the Korean American Coalition (KAC) in Los Angeles, a 501(c)3, non-profit organization in the heart of Koreatown that advocates for the civic and civil rights interests of the Korean American Community since 1983.

KAC is a member of the Koreatown Redistricting Taskforce as well as a member of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, which is part of the AAPI & AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative, and we are in full support of the collaborative's map proposal (please see Exhibit 1 below)

One of this Commission's primary mandates is to maintain the geographic cohesion of an existing community. The residents of "Koreatown" is one such community - that has existed for decades - comprised of one of the most populous, ethnically vibrant communities in the city. As an immigrant-heavy community where English is a second language, we need solidified representation that prioritizes our community as a whole, met by a single elected official that reflects our community needs, instead of having accountability diffused among Supervisors.

This large and diverse body collectively owns businesses, works, and makes a living together, and disrupting this close interlocking of work and livelihood could affect the people in various negative ways. By keeping Koreatown consolidated, geographic cohesion is maintained, enabling our diverse community to thrive.

We once again urge the Commission to keep Koreatown, Los Angeles, whole by heeding the census data and our voices and keep us unified in a single LA County district. Thank you.

Exhibit 1

