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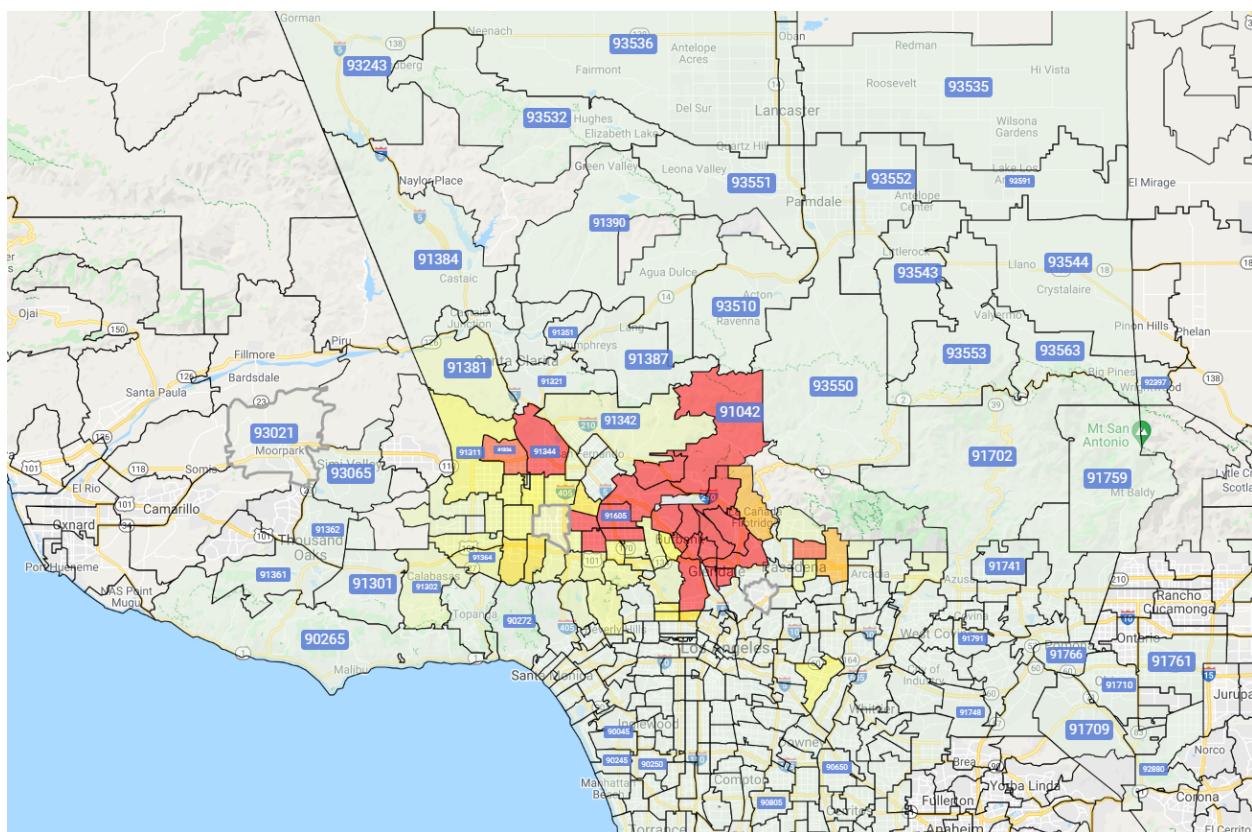
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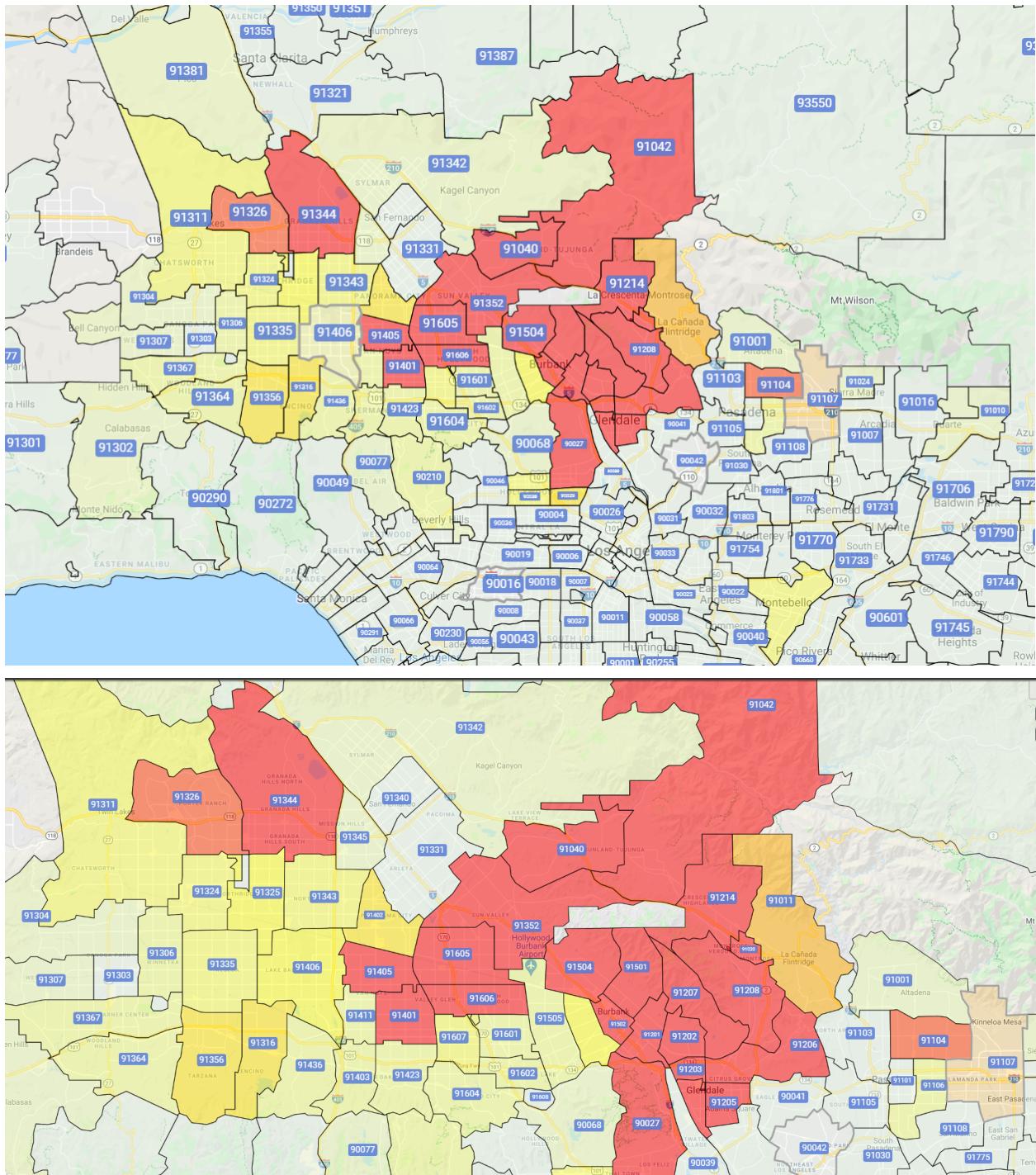
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- As you can see from the heat map provided to the commission, the greatest concentration of Armenians in the County of Los Angeles is in Burbank, Glendale, the Sunland-Tujunga Foothills and the East San Fernando Valley neighborhoods of North

Hollywood, Valley Village, Valley Glen and Van Nuys. It is critically important these voices are in one district to ensure adequate representation.

- While Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena share an airport, they share very little else other than their status as suburban communities. Pasadena's economic interests are more aligned with the San Gabriel Valley and as a result, we believe that a district which best represents the Armenian Community would likely leave Pasadena in another Supervisorial district.
- The communities which represent the most Armenians are already working together as the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments which is an active Joint Powers Authority (JPA) consisting of elected leaders from the cities Burbank, Glendale and the East San Fernando Valley leaders of the City and County of Los Angeles. The boundaries of these agencies should serve as a core template for any Supervisorial seat in the San Fernando Valley.





Recommendations:

- As the Commission settles on draft map templates we advocate the following changes to the maps which had the most support, as of the last commission meeting:

- **Map A-1**—The 5th District should pick up everything West of the 405 Freeway and the East of the San Fernando Valley and Burbank, Glendale and Sunland-Tujunga into the 3rd District
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- **Map E-1**—East of the 405, South of the 118 should go into the 3rd District and Glendale should move into the 5th District.
- **Map F-1**—Two Propose options:
 - Put the San Fernando Valley West of the 405, into the 5th District and move Burbank, Glendale and Sunland-Tujunga into the 3rd District
 - or
 - Put the San Fernando Valley West of the 405 into the 3rd District and the East San Fernando Valley into the 5th