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Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2012 at 11:22 AM

Subject: Re: CF 11-0187-S3 Keep All of La Brea-Hancock in CD 4

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Rules and Elections Committee Members,

I am a resident at 354 South Citrus Ave in the La Brea-Hancock area of Greater Wilshire neighborhood of Los Angeles. Most of La Brea-Hancock was built before the main Hancock Park area in the mid--1920's. The properties included in La Brea-Hancock are the east side of Citrus Avenue to LaBrea Avenue, from Third Street to Wilshire Boulevard. There are fifteen blocks in LaBrea-Hancock.

The Redistricting Commission has proposed bifurcating this community by creating a new CD 4-CD 5 boundary line along Fourth Street between Highland and La Brea. For nearly forty years, the boundary line has been at Third Street, and La Brea- Hancock has been intact within CD 4. This Third Street boundary line wisely has kept all of the commercial properties on both sides of La Brea Avenue, south of Third Street, in CD 4. The commission proposal would put one-third of La Brea-Hancock in a different district and would put the east side of La-Brea Avenue in a district different from the west side between Fourth and Third Streets.

Staying in a single Council District is vital for our single family residential neighborhood in the next decade because of the planned subway expansion and the associated development pressures. CD4 is most familiar with our neighborhood and our specific issues.

We urge your Committee to RETURN the CD 4-CD 5 boundary line, west of Highland Avenue, to being along Third Street, as it has been for 40 years. Keep intact this 15-block community of interest of nearly 300 single-family homes.

Thank you.

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From: **Sixto Sicilia** <sixto.sicilia@ymail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Subject: Re: CF 11-0187-S3 LaBrea-Hancock in CD 4; Rules & Elections Committee Members:

To: Councilmember Buscaino <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, Councilmember Englander <councilmember.english@lacity.org>, Councilmember Huizar <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, Councilmember LaBonge <councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org>, Councilmember Wesson <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, Erika Pulst <erika.pulst@lacity.org>

SUBJECT: Re: CF 11-0187-S3 LaBrea-Hancock in CD 4; Rules & Elections Committee Members:

RE: My Home, Our Neighborhood, Our History

I reside at 365 South Mansfield Drive in the La Brea – Hancock area of Greater Wilshire in Los Angeles. I write this letter to each of you, and I will stand before you not only for myself, but for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Packman who resided across the street from me at 358 South Mansfield, for Mr. West (age 90) who resides at 329 South Mansfield, for my neighbor Dr. Weismann who died at 90 in her home, For Dr. Bell, for Edna, Selma, Mrs. Chin, **and for every person who cannot have a voice, I speak to you now.**

These grand people welcomed us into this neighborhood 20 years ago. They had held the fort to keep our small community a “safe home” for all. Mr. Bernard “Barney” Packman of 358 S. Mansfield worked with the Police and City to create block parties, Barney personally drew up and personally “mimeographed” lists of all the neighbors’ names, their addresses, and phone numbers in the event of an ‘emergency “to what, he so fondly referred to as “our little plot of land”. His wife Florence baked casseroles for “newcomers’ to our block.

Please hear my voice through his, through hers, through my beloved lost neighbors who held steadfast through the years to protect our little plot of land and cannot speak to you personally now. I stand in awe of all of them and am proud to speak for them. They loved this small community.

Our neighborhood emerged in the 1920’s, before Hancock Park. My Father sold newspapers for the Gilmores at 3rd and Fairfax, his mother, my Grandmother eventually owned many movie theaters on Hollywood Blvd. Upon returning to California, I was fortunate to find a residence amongst these fine boundaries east of Citrus Avenue to La Brea Avenue, from Third Street to Wilshire Boulevard. There are ONLY fifteen blocks in La Brea-Hancock. We are smaller, larger, quaint, quiet, protective and we are magnificent. Each parcel is our little plot of land.

The Redistricting Commission has proposed bifurcating this neighborhood by creating a new revised CD 4 - CD 5 boundary line along 4th St between Highland and La Brea. For nearly 40 years, CD4 has been intact. Barney Florence, Selma, Edna and Jim all fought to preserve these boundaries. The 3rd St boundary line has prudently kept all of the commercial properties on both sides of La Brea Avenue, south of Third Street, in CD 4. The Commission proposal would put one-third of La Brea-Hancock in a different district and would put the east side of La Brea Avenue in a district different from the west side between Fourth and Third Streets. But you already know this, correct?

If anyone of you can hear me, please hear Barney, hear Florence, Selma, Edna, Brad, Jim and all of those who created this unique plot of LA land. They are not here now, but they would be the first to stand before you and beg you to stop, look, listen, feel and respond in kind.

Allow us to remain in a single Council District for our single family residential neighborhood in the next decade, it is not only fair, it is decent. Mr. Bernard Packman died 14 years ago, his wife, our beloved Florence died last year. I borrow Barney's voice now and say to each of you, "Please hear us and help us, we just want of little plot of land".

CD4 is our neighborhood and it meets our specific issues. I personally urge your Committee to revisit the CD 4 - CD 5 boundary line, west of Highland Avenue, to being along Third Street, as it has been for 40 years. Keep intact this 15-block unique plot of nearly 300 single-family homes. Barney, whilst working in his garage was oft to say "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I, Dr. Guy Lewis, personally thank you, and I know Barney, Florence, Selma, Mr. West, Mrs. Chin, Edna..... Thank you as well.

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SUBJECT: Keep All of LaBrea-Hancock in CD 4; Re: CF 11-0187-S3

Rules & Elections Committee Members:

I am a resident of 365 South Mansfield Avenue, L.A., 36. I have lived at this address since 1994. The LBHA neighborhood has grown from one where people asked us "if we were crazy to move East of La Brea," to a family member of Mrs. Herr "packing heat" to conduct the estate sale at Mrs. Herr's house, right next to us when she passed in 1995, to a neighborhood that has been placed in some magazines as "one of Los Angeles' best kept secrets and a hidden treasure." Why would any one of you want to split our neighborhood to make it impossible, and you guys know bureaucracy, when we are trying to achieve something for the neighborhood. There is no way that Tony or Gary across the street should have to go to CD4 for answers and then directly across the street, we have to go to a completely different district to questions answered. And us in CD5 would be diminished to 130 home power house right? NO! This redistrict is a ploy, I don't know what for, but it is going to take our voice away as a united LBHA. We are the community you are affecting. How would you feel if this happened to your neighborhood. Like when the Irvine-based developer wanted to come on Wilshire Blvd., and build a monster of a building not taking into consideration the residents of the area. Did they care, of course not, it would not be in their backyard. Because of a united neighborhood in CD4, we were able to get concession and now everyone is happy. The Merchants on La Brea know the benefits as well, specially when the Subway comes, they need to share in the fruits of any funds that may be established to beautify and update.

Again, LBHA is within the in the Greater Wilshire neighborhood of Los Angeles. One of our long-established Greater Wilshire residential communities is called LaBrea-Hancock. The property included in LaBrea-Hancock is the east side of Citrus Avenue to La Brea Avenue, from Third Street to Wilshire Boulevard. There are fifteen blocks in LaBrea-Hancock. The GWNA issued a later expressing their dissapointment in the decision made to split this great little neighborhood. We are ALL in disagreement and the boundaries need to be rolled to their existing lines. THIS IS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE FUTURE OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE FUTURE OF A FEELING OF A UNITED COMMUNITY.

The Redistricting Commission has proposed bifurcating, this community by creating a new CD 4 - CD 5 boundary line along Fourth Street between Highland and La Brea. For nearly 40 years, the boundary line has been at Third Street, and the LaBrea-Hancock neighborhood has been intact within CD 4. This Third Street boundary line wisely kept all of the commercial properties on both sides of La Brea Avenue, south of Third Street, together in CD 4. The Commission's proposal would put one-third of LaBrea-Hancock into a different district and would put the east side of La Brea Avenue in a district different from the west side between Fourth and Third Streets.

This bifurcating is unacceptable to the residents, you recieved the signed petitions that our neighborhood collected on a whim between Saturday and Sunday, I received two more yesterday. I dont like Politics when it gets in the way of Community. The Council

needs to step out of their box and build bridges really to explore unconditional sentiment for our community and the residents wherein.

We urge your Committee to RETURN the CD 4 - CD 5 boundary line, west of Highland Avenue, to being along Third Street, as it has been for 40 years. Keep intact our neighbors in this 15-block community of interest of nearly 300 homes. Thank you.

Signed,

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