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Dear Los Angeles City Council President Wesson (Rules Committee),

I work and live in the Eastside of Los Angeles and I am concerned about the future representation of my community on the LAUSD Board of Education. I am writing in support of the revised District 2 lines to ensure a united Eastside. I support the current map because it responds to the community's request that the Eastside be united – Boyle Heights, unincorporated East Los Angeles, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights. Our four communities share common interests and educational challenges. There exists a long history of activism and deep networks of families. I respectfully request that the Rules Committee maintain the revised District 2 lines as drawn by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely, Maria Brenes – resident, voter, mom

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Good afternoon Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

I am submitting the attached letter on behalf of Alliance for a Better Community, CARECEN, CHIRLA, COFEM, and the NALEO Educational Fund, regarding the redistricting of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

Respectfully,

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April 10, 2012

Los Angeles City Council  
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RE: Redistricting of the Los Angeles Unified School District

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to share our concerns with the map proposed by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Redistricting Commission. We believe that the proposed map diminishes the ability of Latino voters in the Southeast cities of the LAUSD to obtain fair representation. In addition, the proposed map divides communities with common economic, social and cultural interests, and thus impairs their ability to have an effective voice in the electoral process. We urge the City Council to carefully examine the proposed map, and make the changes needed to address the foregoing concerns.

We are a group of organizations that serve communities in the Southeast region of the LAUSD which includes the cities of Vernon, Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate and Walnut Park. Our organizations have several years of experience in working to empower residents of the Southeast cities, and our goal is to ensure that these communities obtain fair opportunities for the political representation of their residents.

First, we are concerned about the configuration for District 5 proposed by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission, because it weakens the ability of Latino voters in the Southeast cities to obtain fair representation. A comparison of two key characteristics of the current and proposed configuration of the district highlights this problem. First, currently the share of the Latino Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) in District 5 is nearly two-thirds (64%). Under the proposed configuration, that share is reduced to 55%.

Similarly, an examination of the Latino share of votes cast in the 2011 Municipal Runoff Election also reveals how the proposed configuration diminishes the Latino political presence in District 5. In the current district, the Latino share of votes cast for the 2011 election was 55%; in the proposed district, that share declines to 47%. Because this municipal election occurred in the same year as District 5's school board representative election, the share of Latino votes cast is a good measure of the ability of the Latino community to elect the candidates of its choice in the district. Thus, the decrease in both the LCVAP of District 5 and the share of Latino votes cast in the 2011 municipal runoff election strongly indicates that the proposed District 5 configuration will significantly impair the Latino community's opportunity to choose its elected representative.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Data provided by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

Furthermore, the map proposed by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission divides communities which share similar economic and social characteristics. The plan places the Southeast cities in a new District 5 which links them with Los Angeles communities to the north, including Eagle Rock and Silver Lake, through a narrow strait to the west of District 2. The narrow strait divides communities with common interests, placing them in different districts. It also unites regions with dissimilar characteristics in proposed District 5.

The testimony provided by residents of the proposed District 5 during the public hearings in February highlight the impact of district's proposed configuration on the communities in the area. Residents in the Southeast cities testified that they want to be in a district with communities similar to them, such as Pico Union. Moreover, one example of the differences between the Southeast cities and areas such as Eagle Rock and Silver Lake was revealed by the testimony of an Eagle Rock resident who stated that his community does not share common characteristics with the Southeast cities area.

The map that the Los Angeles City Council draws will shape the political landscape of the LAUSD for the next ten years, and will help determine whether Latinos and other underrepresented groups can continue to make political progress. We believe the Los Angeles City Council shares our vision of ensuring that all of LAUSD's diverse communities have fair electoral opportunities in the future. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to carefully examine the proposed map, and make the changes needed to address the concerns raised in this letter. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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Dear Los Angeles City Council President Wesson (Rules Committee),  
I work and live in the Eastside of Los Angeles as well as an alumni from Roosevelt High School and I am concerned about the future representation of my community on the LAUSD Board of Education. I am writing in support of the revised District 2 lines to ensure a united Eastside and to respect the unity of the Asian American Community. I support the current map because it responds to the community's request that the Eastside be united – Boyle Heights, unincorporated East Los Angeles, El Sereno and Lincoln Heights. Our four communities share common interests and educational challenges. There exists a long history of activism and deep networks of families. I respectfully request that the Rules Committee maintain the revised District 2 lines as drawn by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Los Angeles City Council President Wesson (Rules Committee),

I proudly work in the Eastside of Los Angeles in efforts to provide more educational opportunities for students and community members to improve their quality of life. Today, I am writing to all of you because I am concerned about the future representation of my community on the LAUSD Board of Education. I am writing in support of the revised District 2 lines to ensure a united Eastside and to respect the unity of the Asian American Community.

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