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Mr. Steven Luu  
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Dear Mr. Luu,

Please extend my gratitude to Council President Martinez for providing the opportunity to submit feedback on the proposed LAUSD Redistricting Commission's recommended map to be reviewed at the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021. I sincerely appreciate her leadership on this issue.

My office has received numerous communications regarding the LAUSD Redistricting process, many of which expressed trepidation about an inability to effectively participate in the hearings due to limited community outreach or advanced notice of discussion items. LAUSD families represent more than 96 different languages spoken at home, thus creating additional barriers to involvement and participation.

Additionally, the Commission met for more than 11 months and has voted by a narrow majority (8-5) to submit a map that fails to uphold the spirit of equity and access, does not contain elementary or middle school attendance or neighborhood council boundaries, school feeder patterns, LAUSD Communities of Schools (COS) catchment areas, or the names or locations of any LAUSD school sites. Without that baseline information, many members of the public and specifically LAUSD families were disadvantaged to provide substantive comments.

The LAUSD Redistricting Commission's proposed map ("Map 2 Final Revision", attached) submitted to the City Council causes me concern regarding the integrity of the final work

product, absence of meaningful community engagement, and insufficient tools for public participation, including but not limited to the following:

- There was no discussion on any public map submitted.
- There was no clarification on how to make a community map part of the draft map discussion.
- There was never formal conversation on the relative merit of any draft map, even of the Map 2 Final Revision.
- The Commission discussion never involved how schools within Communities of Interest (COI) and CoS's (Communities of Schools) have shifted with demographic changes over the past decade or are reflected in the proposed final map submitted for consideration.
- More than one third (38%) of the 13-member commission did not support the final map.
- The public discussion by commissioners around Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) was confusing as CVAP was not part of the city charter mandate for redistricting.

To that end, I have submitted the attached map ("Alternate Map Proposed by LAUSD BD1") for consideration by the City Council that strives to achieve equity for the entire school district and addresses the following challenges:

- The Sanchez map 2(rev) adopted as Final by the Commission badly gerrymanders District 2 and District 5 just as was done in 2010. A land bridge was artificially constructed linking the heterogeneous communities of Northeast and Southeast LA. Simply shifting the land bridge to just west of downtown does not alter the essential discontinuity of the proposed districts. Severing a community or melding together two disparate communities diminishes both group's power and hinders the potential for its children's equitable consideration.
- A wilderness area should not be rebranded as a physical land bridge to justify District 4 straddling the Santa Monica mountains. There is no human population bridge across this expanse bisected along its ridge by a firebreak. Mulholland Drive is a clear and obvious physical barrier delineating the southern border of Districts 3 and the northwestern border of District 4.

In summary, I ask that you review the map labeled "Alternate map proposed by LAUSD BD1" for your immediate and strongest consideration. Please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Dr. Sharon V. Robinson, (sharon.v.robinson@lausd.net or 832-326-4772) for any additional information or clarification.

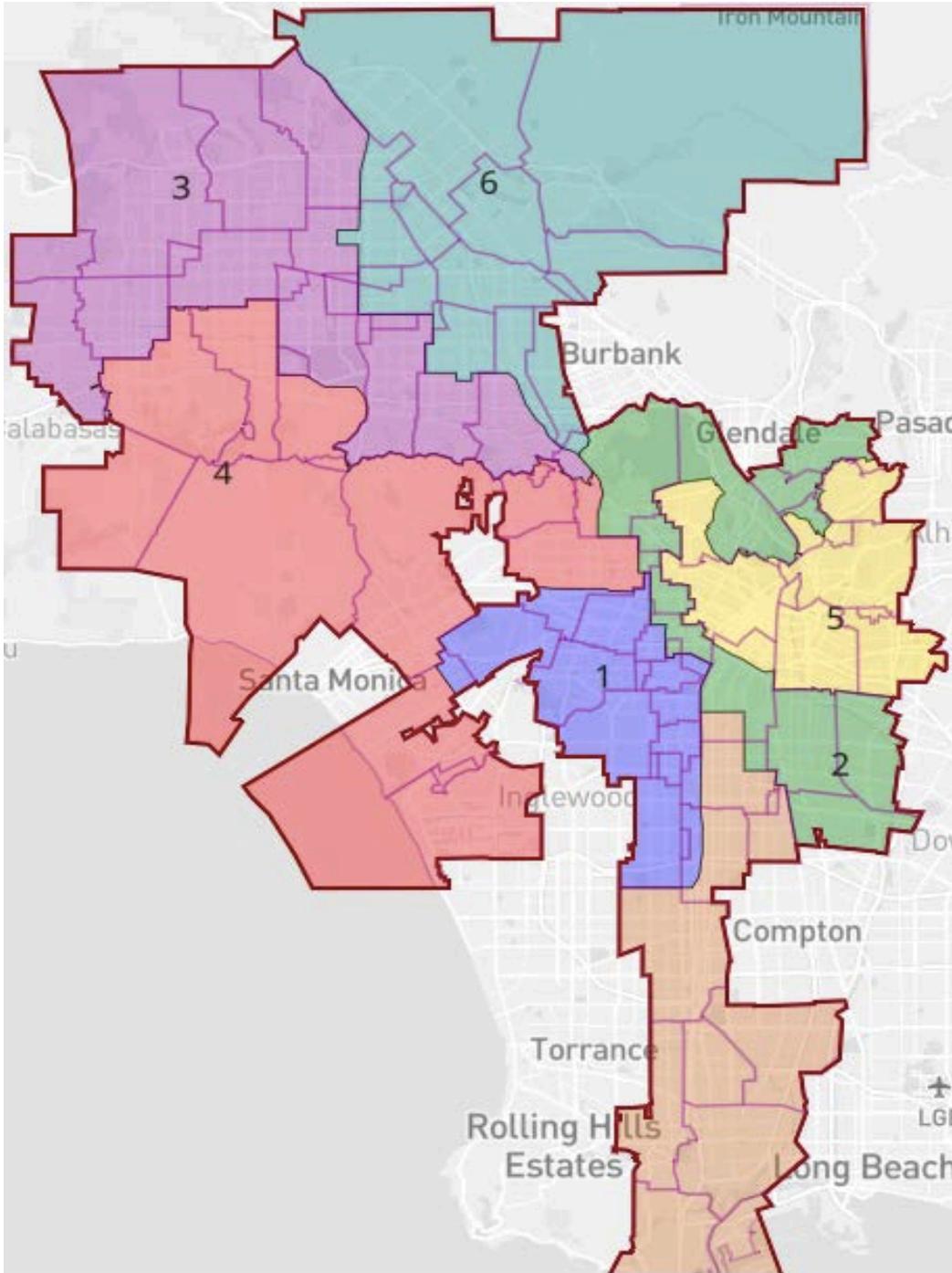
Sincerely,



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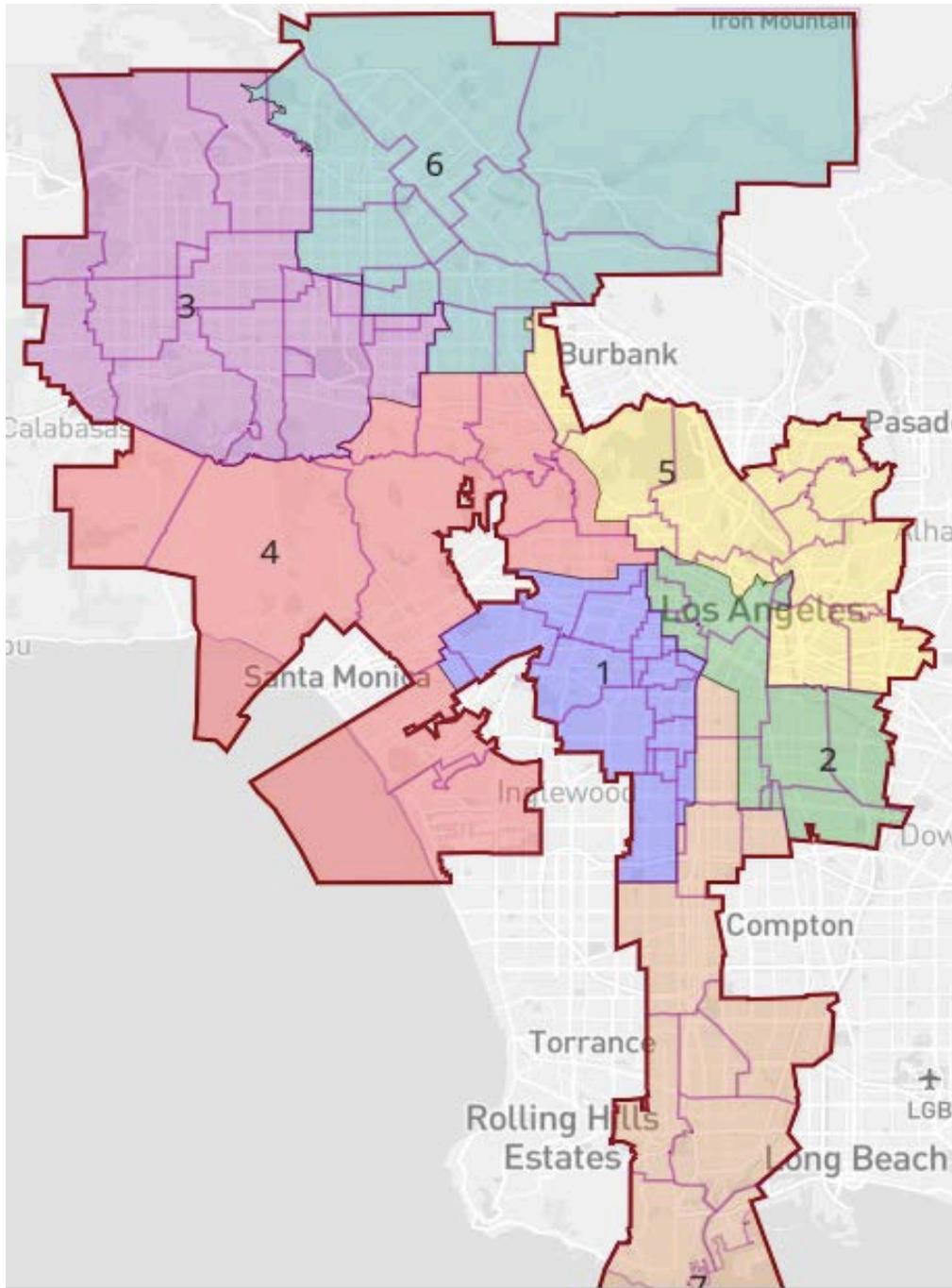
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Attachment A: Sanchez (rev2) Final



Population			Shapes		Demographics (VAP)							DOWNLOAD
ID	Total	+/-			Total	White	Minority	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Native	Pacific
Un	160				160	35.00%	65.00%	36.88%	23.75%	12.50%	0.63%	2.50%
1	643,841	-2.98%			514,174	16.44%	83.56%	41.92%	30.62%	10.96%	3.30%	0.34%
2	675,036	1.72%			532,698	16.22%	83.78%	65.97%	4.83%	12.85%	4.22%	0.27%
3	673,189	1.44%			544,656	44.64%	55.36%	31.96%	6.23%	16.44%	2.45%	0.40%
4	703,609	6.03%			602,999	60.67%	39.33%	16.47%	5.74%	15.71%	1.73%	0.39%
5	640,388	-3.50%			520,755	16.62%	83.38%	60.47%	6.24%	16.55%	4.37%	0.34%
6	667,694	0.62%			524,112	24.94%	75.06%	60.25%	4.69%	9.74%	3.66%	0.32%
7	641,335	-3.36%			486,814	11.96%	88.04%	56.55%	16.69%	14.58%	3.53%	1.05%
	<b>663,607</b>	<b>9.53%</b>			<b>532,338</b>	<b>28.32%</b>	<b>71.68%</b>	<b>46.86%</b>	<b>10.47%</b>	<b>13.88%</b>	<b>3.28%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>

Attachment B: Alternate Map Proposed by LAUSD BD 1



Population			Shapes		Demographics (VAP)								DOWNLOAD
ID	Total	+/-			Total	White	Minority	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Native	Pacific	
Un	160				160	35.00%	65.00%	36.88%	23.75%	12.50%	0.63%	2.50%	
1	663,380	-0.03%			533,028	18.50%	81.50%	40.27%	28.83%	12.27%	3.24%	0.34%	
2	676,850	2.00%			530,095	8.19%	91.81%	70.01%	7.08%	14.79%	4.64%	0.27%	
3	665,769	0.33%			535,127	43.49%	56.51%	33.49%	6.17%	16.18%	2.51%	0.37%	
4	658,961	-0.70%			571,625	62.09%	37.91%	15.08%	6.09%	15.22%	1.73%	0.41%	
5	662,814	-0.12%			542,589	26.08%	73.92%	55.96%	4.17%	13.46%	3.87%	0.34%	
6	661,175	-0.37%			515,709	24.37%	75.63%	60.39%	4.14%	10.77%	3.55%	0.32%	
7	656,143	-1.12%			498,035	11.76%	88.24%	56.24%	17.48%	14.31%	3.59%	1.04%	
	<b>663,607</b>	<b>3.12%</b>			<b>532,338</b>	<b>28.32%</b>	<b>71.68%</b>	<b>46.86%</b>	<b>10.47%</b>	<b>13.88%</b>	<b>3.28%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	