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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(3) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/07/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

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Date: 11/05/2021

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Council File Number: 20-0668-S7

Agenda Date: 10/07/2021

Item Number: VII(g)

Summary:



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October 8, 2021

Honorable Commissioners
Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 275
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Community Impact Statement on Los Angeles City Council Redistricting, CF20-2668

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for volunteering for this difficult and meticulous endeavor of creating our city council districts for the next decade.

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council serves the neighborhoods of Adams/Normandie, Exposition Park, parts of Jefferson Park, King Estates, University Park, University Park North and University Park West.

Our General Board Meeting occurred on Thursday, October 7, 2021, and this matter was listed as item VII (g). From that we submit the following remarks with respect to map K2.5:

- 1) There was a motion to leave our neighborhood council in three city council districts. With a vote of 4 yays, 7 nays, and 2 abstentions the motion was not passed. Do not leave us divided by three. Afford us the same consideration you have to other neighborhood councils and place us into one, or two, city council districts.
- 2) There was a motion to return the Staples Center and LA Live assets to Council District 9. With a vote of 11 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the motion passed. These assets are part of South Park and as currently placed, are disconnected from the remainder of the South Park community. We submit that uniting the South Park community under Council District 9, and returning these assets to that district, will improve the economic base of an underserved community and that doing so would be aligned with your criteria of not splitting neighborhoods into multiple council districts.
- 3) There was a motion to return USC's University Park Campus and Exposition Park assets to Council District 8. With a vote of 7 yays, 3 nays, and 1 abstention the motion passed. We challenge you to explore the reasons why these assets were removed from the district 10 years ago. If those reasons



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are incompatible your present values, then a correction is in order. Council District 8 has long been underdeveloped and underserved and now is the time to redirect its trajectory towards the intersection of economic parity and hope by returning these important cultural and economic assets, the heart and soul of our neighborhood council community, to its fold. Doing so would also afford our neighborhood council increased leverage in addressing the rampant student housing development, and the resultant displacement, which have become prevalent in our community.

As you move forward, we hope that you recognize that the impact of your decisions will be felt long after Council boundaries are redrawn 10 years from now. We are confident that you will deliver a recommendation to City Council that is just and equitable. Thank you for your consideration.

With Purpose~

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thryeris Mason".

Ms. Thryeris Mason, President
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

cc: Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Councilmember Curren Price
Samuel Garrison, USC Civic Engagement