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Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council opposes map K2.5 final. Please see attached statement for our full position.

Reseda Neighborhood Council

Council File 20-0668
Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial United States Census Data

The Reseda Neighborhood Council opposes map K2.5 final. Map K2.5 final places Reseda into district 4 or 2, when we were previously part of districts 3 and 12. The refusal of the commission to designate which district Reseda would be in hampered the efforts of the commissioners to advocate for our district and our neighborhood Map K2.5 final disenfranchises the **majority** of residents who currently reside in Council District 3. 100% of the residents of the new 4-2 district will have an entirely new councilmember who we did not elect and for the majority of us, it pushes our opportunity to vote back until 2024, which means we could go nearly 2 terms without a vote on a councilmember. It is unbelievable that the commission could avow the complete disenfranchisement of our diverse and lower income community as an acceptable cost.

Map K2.5 separates our neighborhood from our traditional communities of interest in the West Valley and stratifies our neighborhood along poverty lines. Had it not been for the tremendous amount of public participation by our neighbors, we are certain that our new district would have been left with no representation for significant local public assets. Working class neighborhoods deserve representation just as much as our wealthier counterparts.

We wholeheartedly agree with the call by the Los Angeles Times Editorial Board that a truly independent redistricting commission is necessary. Political self interest superseded the needs of our communities throughout this process. In addition, the City Council must mandate a process in which all line drawing is public. Map K2.5 originated in a private ad hoc committee

that did not allow public participation. This is anathema to the idea of participatory democracy. Perhaps had the process been public, these commissioners would not have been so willing to engage in our complete and total disenfranchisement.

While we oppose this map for the reasons delineated above, should this map remain in place, it is vital that the new 4-2 district retain a representative voice in Warner Center, Pierce College, and the Sepulveda Basin. These assets are crucial to the success of our newly drawn district and representation is crucial as any development of these assets will have a direct and substantial impact on our communities.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council also wishes to acknowledge and thank our neighbors from the Encino Neighborhood Council who supported our goal of obtaining a representative voice in Warner Center. We want to lift their efforts to keep their neighborhood whole and in one district. We also agree that a sharing of the Sepulveda Basin, roughly along the Los Angeles River, between districts 4-2 and 3 makes sense. It would give both communities who have a vested interest in the stewardship of the Sepulveda Basin representation and a voice in the operations of this important community asset.