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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Date: 10/15/2021

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Council File Number: 20-0668

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The LFNC must be unified under one Council District. Under map K2.5, a portion of Los Feliz containing the Rowena Reservoir, extending down Riverside Dr. and into Silver Lake, has been inexplicably carved out and placed into an adjacent district (Attachments 1, 2). This decision creates a noncontiguous, outlier portion of residential Los Feliz and would only limit our NC's and constituent's ability to advocate for the needs of their community. Griffith Park must remain in the same Council District as Los Feliz. Los Feliz has served as a steward for Griffith Park in the same council district for close to 40 years. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council was originally called the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council for good purpose: 1) Landmarks within the park, specifically the Greek Theater and Griffith Observatory, serve as cultural keystones in our community and among our residents; 2) The park's four primary entries and egresses and shuttle routes are in Los Feliz. Our ability to provide input on transportation and mobility issues affecting our residential community must not be diminished; 3) There are equity concerns in separating Griffith Park from the rest of the Los Feliz community. Los Feliz has zero publicly accessible green spaces outside the park. With the majority of Los Feliz's low and middle-income households relegated to a district apart from the park, essential voices of advocacy would be lost. The LFNC has worked diligently to increase equity and access to public green space and recreational amenities in our community and we would like this work to continue as seamlessly as possible under one councilmember; 4) Griffith Park has no residential population. There is no quantitative reason to draw it into one district or another. Therefore, it should be drawn into a district with the community of interest that is most associated with it. That community is, unquestionably, Los Feliz.



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October 12, 2021

Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission 2021
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St., Room 275
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Map K2.5/CF 20-0668 – Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial United States Census Data

Dear Commissioners,

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council appreciates the opportunity to submit feedback from stakeholders and communities of interest on the redistricting process. We value the Commission's time and commitment to equity, population representation, and keeping neighborhood council boundaries intact.

At the October 12 LFNC Governing Board Special Meeting, the board unanimously moved to **oppose unless amended** map K2.5 and to outline the following concerns and core requests from the LFNC and its stakeholders:

- **The LFNC must be unified under one Council District.** Under map K2.5, a portion of Los Feliz containing the Rowena Reservoir, extending down Riverside Dr. and into Silver Lake, has been inexplicably carved out and placed into an adjacent district (*Attachments 1, 2*). This decision creates a noncontiguous, outlier portion of residential Los Feliz and would only limit our NC's and constituent's ability to advocate for the needs of their community. We formally request that this outlier portion remain in the same district as the rest of Los Feliz.
- **Griffith Park must remain in the same Council District as Los Feliz.** Los Feliz has served as a steward for Griffith Park in the same council district for close to 40 years. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council was originally called the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council for good purpose:
 - 1) Landmarks within the park, specifically the Greek Theater and Griffith Observatory, serve as cultural keystones in our community and among our residents;
 - 2) The park's four primary entries and egresses and shuttle routes are in Los Feliz. Our ability to provide input on transportation and mobility issues affecting our residential community must not be diminished;
 - 3) There are equity concerns in separating Griffith Park from the rest of the Los Feliz community. ***Los Feliz has zero publicly accessible green spaces outside the park.*** With the majority of Los Feliz's low and middle-income households relegated to a district apart from the park, essential voices of advocacy would be

- lost. The LFNC has worked diligently to increase equity and access to public green space and recreational amenities in our community and we would like this work to continue as seamlessly as possible under one councilmember;
- 4) Griffith Park has no residential population. There is no quantitative reason to draw it into one district or another. Therefore, it should be drawn into a district with the community of interest that is most associated with it. That community is, unquestionably, Los Feliz. We formally request that Los Feliz and Griffith Park remain within one council district.

We appreciate the Commission's consideration of these requests and look forward to seeing a swift resolution for a more unified Los Feliz.

Respectfully,



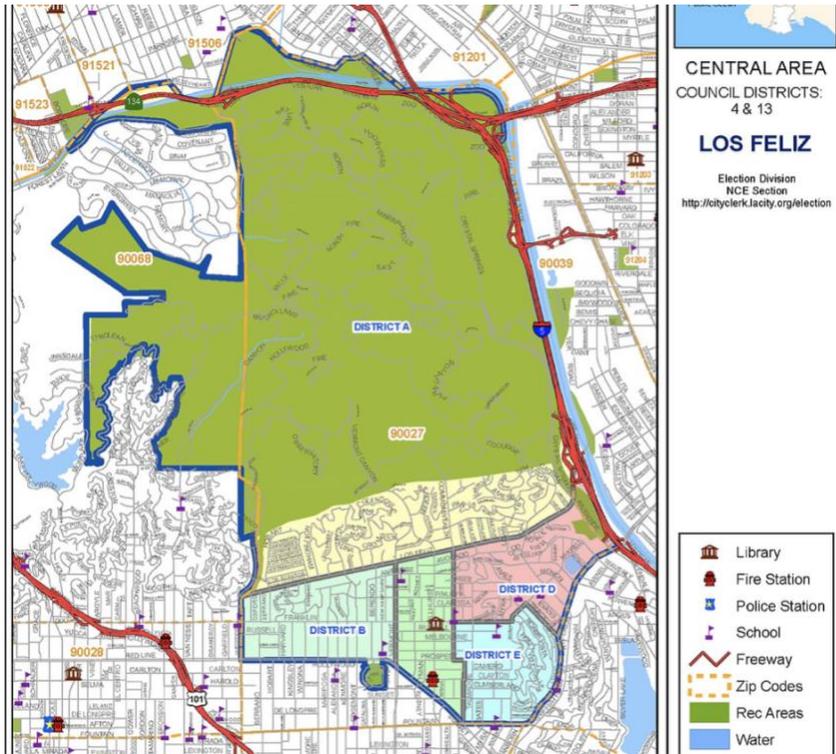
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Attachment 1: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council boundary map



Attachment 2: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council boundary showing missing portions of LFNC boundary in red from K2.5 map

