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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

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Summary: On October 13 2021, at a Brown Act Compliant meeting, NoHo NC voted 16-0-0 with 4 Absent to oppose Map K 2.5. This CIS was submitted on 10/15/21, but due to user error was uploaded to the Affordable Housing Commission.

The NoHo Neighborhood Council opposes Map K 2.5 as drafted.

NoHo is a community of renters (according to data on EmpowerLA, 74% of the units in NoHo NC's service area are renter occupied) and we face particular challenges around housing instability because of this. K2.5 ignores this fact and shoehorns our NC into an alliance with other NCs such as Foothill Trails (23% renter occupied) and Bel Air-Beverly Crest (16% owner occupied). It raises the question of whether a councilmember will be able to adequately and properly serve the interests of any of their constituents with such wildly varying interests. NoHo deserves to be connected to communities of interest, not sandwiched between districts of homeowners whose interests do not align with ours.

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Further, we recognize our neighbors in Reseda NC and their concerns about disenfranchisement. NoHo will get to vote in 2024; in contrast large portions of Reseda have been shifted from an even numbered district into an odd numbered district; with the change to move municipal elections to coincide with federal elections and now the shift to a new Councilmember whose term will not expire until 2024, this means large swaths of their constituents will go for seven full years with no opportunity to vote for a new councilmember. This is fatally flawed and undemocratic. Reseda (and the whole city) deserves better than this.

Next, NoHo NC agrees with the concerns of many stakeholders and neighbors who have lifted their voices to ask whether this map was designed to specifically attack Nithya Raman. It is no secret that Ms. Raman's ascent to the council was surprising and has shaken many people at City Hall, the carving up of her power base and decision to shunt her either a) into an East Valley district that is mostly new and unfamiliar to her or b) into a West Valley district that is wholly outside her electoral base is rank politics at its worst. We all see what the Commission is choosing to do, so let's call it what it is: the Commission, filled with political hacks, has chosen to protect other incumbents while steamrolling the most progressive voice on the council. This kind of partisan gerrymandering has no place in Los Angeles or in California. This isn't Texas, and we won't stand for Texas style gerrymandering.

We raise broad concerns about process. Many commissioners have seemed confused about the content of certain motions. Ex parte communications over hot mics have been documented by Twitter users. To address the procedural concerns, we support Commissioner Goldberg's call for a special meeting to address the deficiencies of Map K2.5 before it is submitted to the City Council.

In total, the map as drawn will disempower NoHo by potentially forcing us to create new relationships with a councilmember who has been explicitly cut off by the commission from her electoral base, forcing us into a new district that does not reflect the shared interests of our community, and MARIA FIND A WAY TO MENTION THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY HERE. The map will disempower our neighbors by breaking up existing electoral coalitions in CD4 and by

forcing current residents in CD3 to wait 3 more years before they can vote in a Municipal Election.

NoHo NC is under no illusions that our statement matters to the commission or to the Councilmembers who appointed them. We expect that K 2.5 will become the new City Council map, but we will not quietly stand by while the City Council and their handpicked appointees disempower us and our neighbors, and we will remember who stood in favor of this Faustian map that preserves existing power bases for Councilmembers while gutting representation for our community.