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Summary: On 10/15/21 The Reseda Neighborhood council voted to send each of our three Community Impact Statements to the Los Angeles City Council. This Community Impact Statement was passed on 10/12/2021 under item IV.A. of our agenda. This Community Impact Statement was passed via a vote 12 yes.



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The Reseda Neighborhood Council has evaluated the maps currently being considered by the redistricting commission. Maps K2.5 and L, as well as the stakeholder proposed map 57666 present a major concern to the Reseda Neighborhood Council.

Reseda should not be split between council districts, and if it is, the split should not occur along High Injury Network corridors. Reseda's population is currently split between two districts (CD3 & CD12 – 79.9% & 20.1% respectively per the Feb. 22 2012 CCRC final map) and this has already proven to be an unworkable model. For this reason, Map L is a complete disaster and absolutely unacceptable as it not only splits Reseda into three districts, it does so along High Injury Network corridors.

Map K2.5 does keep Reseda whole and within one council district. Nonetheless, Map K2.5 is a racist, disenfranchising map that strips community assets out of the proposed newly numbered district 2 or newly numbered district 4. It would create a high poverty, rent burdened district that lacks green spaces, community education assets, and segregates historical communities of national cultural interests, racially and economically. Additionally, it would rob said community of assets and give them to more affluent and advantaged neighboring districts. This does not meet the equity standards set forth by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission. The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission states that its core values are; equity, integrity, transparency, respect, compassion, dignity, data driven, solution oriented, and interdependence. However this proposed map demonstrates none of those values, in particular it is lacking in equity and integrity.

Both K2.5 & 57666 maps would move Reseda from an odd numbered to an even numbered Council District. It is an important thing to consider that in these situations any stakeholder moved from an odd to an even numbered district will end up not having a vote in who represents them for seven years, almost two council member terms, essentially disenfranchising them. It is curious then that the very population that is being overtly



disenfranchised is already disadvantaged and underprivileged whereas the winning populations which will have more voter power are already advantaged. It is also notable that the proposed District 3 makes up a minority population of the current District 3. In other municipalities, such as Long Beach and Sacramento, during redistricting it is customary to have the majority population kept intact, particularly when the community in question is an established community of similar interests. We thank Commissioner Cagna for noting this and are curious why no other commissioners felt this was important. Every effort should therefore be made to minimize the damage caused by this disenfranchisement when assigning new Council Districts. In map K2.5 it is clear that the vast majority of the current population of CD3 is being disenfranchised by being moved into CD2 or CD4. The only equitable solution would be to reverse the assignment of the Council Districts such that the communities of Canoga Park, Winnetka, Reseda and Lake Balboa are placed into CD3 and Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino, and Sherman Oaks are placed into either CD2 or CD4. If these changes were made and the Sepulveda basin park is retained entirely within the same district as Reseda, the Reseda Council would support this map.

Stakeholder map 57666 presents a trickier situation. While the majority of the current population of CD3 does remain within the boundaries of the new CD3, again it is important to note that the population that is being disenfranchised on this map is almost entirely lower income and communities of color, while almost none of the wealthy and advantaged population of CD3 is being affected by disenfranchisement. This is an unacceptable development as it is the way these matters are usually handled, the poor and disadvantaged are expected, once again, to sacrifice for the benefit of those who are already endowed with advantages. For this reason, the assignments of the proposed Council Districts should be reversed. Additionally, the covid-19 pandemic has greatly compressed the timeline between redistricting and voting. Voters will have a decreased amount of time to evaluate candidates. City Council candidates will have a decreased amount of time to fundraise if they are originally in an even numbered district and moved to an odd numbered district. Normally every candidate and the voters have potentially 18 months between declaration of candidacy and City Council election. Residents of even numbered districts who are moved to odd numbered districts are also disenfranchised due to covid-19 delays. Everybody loses on these maps, especially Reseda.

We deserve a vote and a say on our future neighborhoods. Make no mistake, residents who are moved from an odd numbered district to an even numbered district have their voices muzzled electorally; do not be complicit in silencing us.