

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Larchmont in Greater Wilshire. I am a member of the Board of the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association. I have followed the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission's (LACCRC) process closely, participating in most of their public hearings. The Commission's exemplary, open process utilized 2020 Census data, followed the Voting Rights Act and paid close attention to public comment made before them. The Redistricting Commission created and adopted their Final Report with unprecedented transparency, public input and line drawing. I demand the council give the LACCRC's Final Report the consideration and the respect their herculean efforts deserve. The City Council should move immediately not only to consider and accept the Final Report but to vote to adopt the Final Report with the Final Map (as footnoted) and designate the district boundaries put forth as those to be effective as of January 2022. The redistricting process does not exist to protect existing elected officials or to allow them to gerrymander the City in a manner that would carve out districts to favor themselves or partisan allies. I strongly protest this week's motion by Council President Martinez along with Council Members Raman and Krekorian which denigrates and proposes to undo the Commission's months of work. These three Council Members apparently feel at liberty to attack the Commission and its work with no regard for the truth. The Commission's process was fair, the likes of which we have never before experienced. Now I ask you, members of the City Council, fight on behalf of all Angelenos and enact the Commission's work and recommendations into law. Sincerely,
Sam Uretsky

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Comments for Public Posting: October 30, 2021 Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, PLEASE SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT & MAP! I am a long-time resident, registered voter and constituent of Wilshire Park which is a neighborhood located in Greater Wilshire. I have followed the redistricting process closely and have participated in most of the 21 public hearings. I support the Commission's Final Report and Map. However, I strongly protest this week's motion by Council President Martinez, Council Member Raman, and Council Member Krekorian (the "Proponents"). That motion, to create an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee with the intent to jettison the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission's (the "LACCRC" or the "Commission") Final Report/Map and to PRIVATELY redraw the Council Districts, denigrates and proposes to undo months of public democratic, transparent work. LACCRC's redistricting efforts were all conducted in full public view and with unprecedented public participation, in fact over 15,000 participants, more than ever before. The Proponent's claims state the opposite, with no regard for the truth. Redistricting exists to honor the Voting Rights Act and to ensure that communities of interest are placed together in the same, compact City Council district. The process does not exist to protect existing elected officials or to allow them to gerrymander council districts in the City in a manner that would carve out seats to favor their own interests or the interests of their partisan friends. Los Angeles needs smart problem solvers, not entitled officials. Please do not support these cloaked dealings intended to change what we and the LACCRC have tried to accomplish through the public process in transparent meetings. The redistricting may not have been fair to some, but on the whole, this was the best solution the unprecedented number of independent residents, constituents, and LACCRC members could create. PLEASE SUPPORT THE LACCRC'S FINAL REPORT & MAP! Please vote against the Proponents motion which does not serve any of us well. Sincerely, John Gresham