

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This should go in 21-0669 S7 Council President Martinez and Councilmembers, You will find many comments in the file advocating for the Jewish community be kept intact. They ask that you protect the 70-year-old historic Jewish Council District 5 which has given this community a collective voice in fighting anti-Semitism as well as the voice to uplift our culture City wide. They plead to keep Bel-Air, Westwood, Beverly Wood, Pico-Robertson, Fairfax Beverly area, Mid Wilshire/Labrea, and Hancock Park together in CD5 in the final map to be voted on by the LA City Council. I Want to add a special plea to keep the historic Miracle Mile in CD 5. The history of the Jewish community in the Miracle Mile goes back to its inception and it is a rich history as reflected in the final HPOZ plan . Facilities within the Miracle Mile include the Westside Jewish Community (WJCC) at 5870 Olympic Blvd. 90036, Shalhevet High School 910 South Fairfax 90036, Temple Beth Zion 5555 West Olympic Blvd. 90036 and Yeshiva Gedolah 5444 W. Olympic Blvd 90036 which is one block outside of the CD 5 map and we were hoping to include this important place of learning within the new map. These institutions are inexorably linked to the Los Angeles Jewish community. Notes from the Miracle Mile HPOZ plan include: A sampling of information from the 1930 and 1940 federal census data and building permits from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety indicates the area had a significant Jewish presence from its earliest development. Building permits for both single-family and multi-family properties in Miracle Mile between 1921 and 1930 commonly show owners with traditionally Jewish surnames, suggesting a fairly high rate of property ownership during the earliest years of the neighborhood's development; additional research would be required to determine exactly how many of these owners actually lived in their Miracle Mile properties, but comparison with the 1930 census data indicates a substantial number of Jewish owners as well as renters in the proposed HPOZ. While religion was not an item recorded by census-takers, reasonable guesses can be made as to a household's religious and ethnic background based on country of origin, native language, and surname. When viewed together, these points of data suggest that in 1930, Miracle Mile's 1930 population had a minimum of 7% Jewish households. This

number includes only those households in which Yiddish was listed as the language spoken at home in their countries of origin—the most reliable, but least common/representative, measure of Jewish affiliation in the 1930 census data. An estimate based on countries of origin and surname suggests the neighborhood may have had up to 29% Jewish households. This number includes all households with at least one member born in a European country with a historically large Jewish population during the pre- World War II period. This may not seem like a high proportion of Jewish residents, especially given the diversity of the Miracle Mile today, but for the pre-World War II period it was indeed substantial. Most of west-central Los Angeles did not have a large Jewish population until after World War II, except in small pockets around the Beverly- Fairfax neighborhood. In the early 20th century, the largest portion of the city’s Jewish community lived in central and east side neighborhoods like the culturally diverse Boyle Heights. Many of these Angelenos were first-generation Americans, immigrating to the U.S. at the turn of the century; increased numbers arrived in Southern California after World War I. Another wave of Jewish immigrants arrived in Los Angeles after World War II, joining second, third, and even earlier generation Jewish Americans as the diaspora dispersed itself more widely across the city. The expansion of the Jewish community reflected the general expansion of the city’s population as a whole, taking advantage of new developments extending as far as the San Fernando Valley. Community amenities increased during the 1930s through 1950s, as evidenced by the development of a largely Jewish commercial district on nearby South Fairfax Avenue just south of Olympic Boulevard (today’s “Little Ethiopia”), as well as a larger Jewish commercial district on North Fairfax at Beverly Boulevard.² Building permits and the 1950 Sanborn maps show several additional Jewish institutions built in and near the proposed Miracle Mile HPOZ from the late 1940s to the early 1950s. These included Temple Beth Zion at the corner of South Dunsmuir Avenue and Olympic Boulevard (constructed 1946 and still in active operation within the proposed HPOZ), Rulof Sholom Synagogue at 1214 South Fairfax Avenue, to the southwest of the proposed HPOZ, and the Westside Jewish Community Center, constructed at 5870 Olympic Boulevard in 1954.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached file for our important letter on Redistricting. Homeowners of Encino strongly urges the City Council to keep Encino in Council District. The letter goes into great detail as to why this is so important for Encino and Los Angeles. Thank you for reading. Eliot Cohen - President Homeowners of Encino

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Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial United States Census Data

Honorable City Councilmen and Councilwomen:

Homeowners of Encino (HOME) will find it fascinating to witness the potential gerrymandering of newly proposed Council Districts created by the Redistricting Commission by the City Council for personal political gain. HOME would like to call your attention that Encino does not want to be in two Council Districts. Encino seems to be reduced to nothing more than a population center by the 2021 Redistricting Commission and has put Encino in two council districts. This result is big trouble for Encino.

Encino does shares common problems with Tarzana and Sherman Oaks. However, Encino has its own unique set of issues and is represented in specific ways by representatives trying to help mitigate these problems. Encino is currently in CD5. Encino has a seat on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of Van Nuys Airport (VNY). If we're gerrymandered into two Council Districts, what will happen to that seat? Will Encino have any representation at the CAC? Will it have increased representation at the CAC, or will we be pounding sand over the current jet noise plaguing the neighborhood with hundreds of planes from Van Nuys flying low and loud over the dwellings here?

Homelessness in Encino continues to be a growing problem. Thanks partly to the City Council's and Mayor's reluctance to acknowledge a vast component of homelessness is not good people down on their luck, but drug-addled, alcoholic vagrants with serious mental illnesses, who self-medicate themselves with whatever drugs they can obtain. This is not a recipe for mental health! Giving these people a choice to remain on the street is not a humanitarian way to deal with people who cannot make competent decisions for themselves. So, having Encino in two Districts, do we run back and forth between 2 Council Members pleading for help for the problematic, sometimes violent, and felonious individuals without shelter? Is that a good vision for Encino?

Removing Encino from the Sepulveda Basin is another problem with unforeseen problematic consequences. Encino has two distinguished advocates for the Basin, Glenn Bailey, and Pat Bates, who have worked tirelessly to improve the Basin for all Los Angeles residents. As the Basin will now be in whose District, our reps will have less of a voice and probably find their wisdom, years of experience shunted off to an aide who will care little because they are no longer in the Councilperson's District.

Another pertinent question is who will represent us on the Ventura Cahuenga Planning Review Board? Ventura Blvd is the main artery through Encino. The commercialization of Ventura Blvd with large buildings and inadequate parking clogs our main thoroughfare, especially in rush hour. With the presumption that the SARS COVID-19 epidemic will be less of an issue over time, traffic will become worse. Which council district will deal with the traffic on Ventura Blvd and the cutting through over residential neighborhoods in the Encino Hills to get to Mulholland, the 405, or ultimately the Westside? Would you please explain how that will work? Please expound how Encino will become a better place by being in two separate Council Districts, each having a smaller Encino constituency than if we remained in one District.

Additionally, HOME has enormous concerns about the implementation of Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10. Many smaller homes built in the late 60s and early 70s are being torn down for McMansions. These new abodes are priced from **2.5 million dollars to \$18 million**, fueling the affordability crisis. Parents in Encino have significant concerns over where our children will be able to live here in Los Angeles. Many residents in Encino enjoy the privacy and spaciousness of backyards. How will they be affected by two-story Granny-Flats looking down upon their yards?

One can always count on the Councilmember who preaches the most about equity, fairness and leaving communities intact to be the one who comes up with the egregious idea. **Nythia Raman** has proposed creating a new corridor through Encino to benefit her district. This idea would put Encino in 3 Districts. She offers to do this by taking the southern part of Van Nuys East of the 405 and creating a new Corridor that stretches between Burbank Blvd and the 101 (Tapia Bros Strip), heading west until it corrals all the apartment buildings between Burbank and Amestoy Estates. This idea should be Dead on Arrival. This self-serving move severely impacts Encino. It makes the problems described above 100% worse. HOME has learned over years of experience that nothing is sacrosanct, no ethical line too big to be crossed, no campaign promise is too big to abandon when a politician is trying to keep their power.

Los Angeles' Redistricting Commissions has never seen fit before to divide Encino. Encino is a middle-class and upper-middle-class community who have come here to seek a quality of life that is not afforded (unfortunately) in every neighborhood in Los Angeles. Putting Encino in two and possibly 3 Council Districts risks the possibility that Encino will now become a second-class neighborhood that people will find less desirable as problems will inevitably mount being in two jurisdictions. In addition, splitting Encino could cause a further exodus out of Los Angeles and out of the State, further eroding our tax base and political power.

Therefore, on a Local, State, and National level, please good Councilmen and Councilwomen to do the right thing in redistricting Encino. Keep Encino whole and do the right thing to ensure that Redistricting is fair and unbiased. Let's keep Los Angeles the pre-eminent City in the United States of America, which should override any petty political ambitions.

Thank you, and God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eliot Cohen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eliot Cohen President – Homeowners of Encino and the Board

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