

Region 4 Ad Hoc Memo

To: Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission

From: Commissioner Elissa Barrett, Commissioner Denis Cagna, Vice Chair David Hyun, Commissioner Richard Katz, Commissioner Tammy Membreno, Commissioner Wendy Mitchell

Date: September 13, 2021

Re: Region 4 Summary of Principles

Background: These principles were developed during four Region 4 meetings occurring on the dates of August 23rd, August 26th, August 31st and September 10th, 2021. These principles were developed by consulting written Community of Interest Testimonies submitted by the public; public testimony given at one of the Commission's 17 public hearings; and publicly submitted maps sent to the Commission. Region 4 encompasses Council Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, 12.

Principles:

Region 4's main principles for developing the City Council District Map are as follows:

- **Enhance the representation of protected classes.**
- **Minimize the split of San Fernando Valley (“Valley”) Council Districts** over “the hill” with Mulholland Drive serving as a potential southern border and with the understanding that one or more of Valley centered Districts may need to extend outside the Valley via a transportation corridor, such as the 101 freeway.
 - Many Valley communities expressed a strong interest in being paired with their Valley counterparts. For example, there was repeated public testimony asking for Tarzana, Sherman Oaks and Encino to be kept together because these neighborhoods share common identities and interests.
- **To the extent feasible, ensure that Neighborhood Councils (“NC’s”), neighborhoods and major commercial corridors** remain intact within a singular city council district
 - The Commission heard from various members of the public about the need for NC's and communities of interest to coordinate with only one Councilmember in order to ensure adequate access to social services and support for community projects.
 - This principle includes protecting commercial corridors that have been hit hard by the pandemic and uplifts the need to assist the economic development of stressed communities.

- **Keep the neighborhoods that comprise the “media and entertainment” communities (for example, Toluca Lake, Studio City, North Hollywood and Hollywood), together in a single City Council District.**
 - These neighborhoods share similar industries, communities and commutes.
 - As one member of the public explained in written testimony: “The Southeastern Valley of CD 2 is full of members of the entertainment industry, containing both the studios and the people who work there. Some commute into Hollywood proper, but there are a number of post production companies in Studio City, North Hollywood, and elsewhere.”

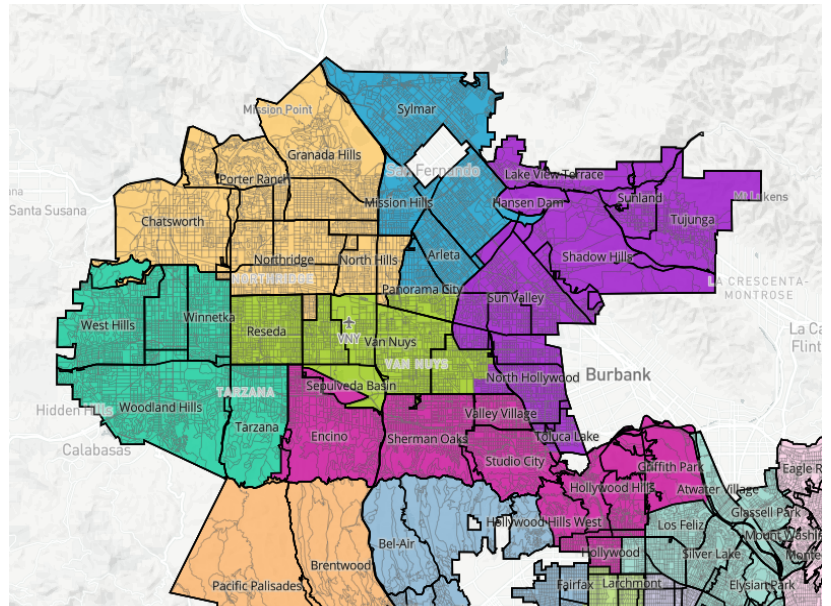
- **Consider the environmental concerns that impact neighborhoods within the Valley, but not at the expense of higher-ranking criteria, such as ensuring the voting rights of protected classes.**
 - These environmental concerns include the needs of those impacted by fires, environmental racism, air and water quality concerns and, trash and natural resource management. For instance, many individuals from CD 6 and 7 cited issues around air quality - ensuring that these voices are connected will allow for their needs to be met more appropriately.
 - This principle includes maintaining the Sepulveda Basin in one city council district. As one individual testified, “the Sepulveda Basin should remain within one council district to better serve those who live, work, and access this area. Like other communities within the City of Los Angeles, the Basin's needs and uses are different. Decisions made in this area have a totally different effect on daily living, wildlife, and the vast recreation area.”

Maps: On the pages that follow, we provide a few examples of maps submitted by the public that illustrate one or more of the above principles.

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Principles illustrated:

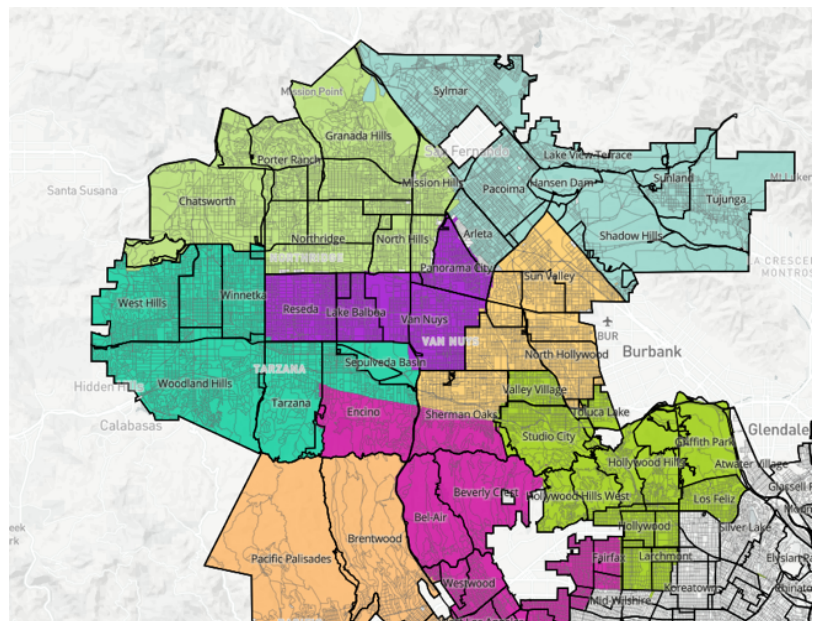
- Minimizing split of NCs, neighborhoods and commercial corridors
- Using Mulholland Drive as a potential southern border
- Uniting some of a potential “media and entertainment” areas over “the hill” via the 101 Fwy



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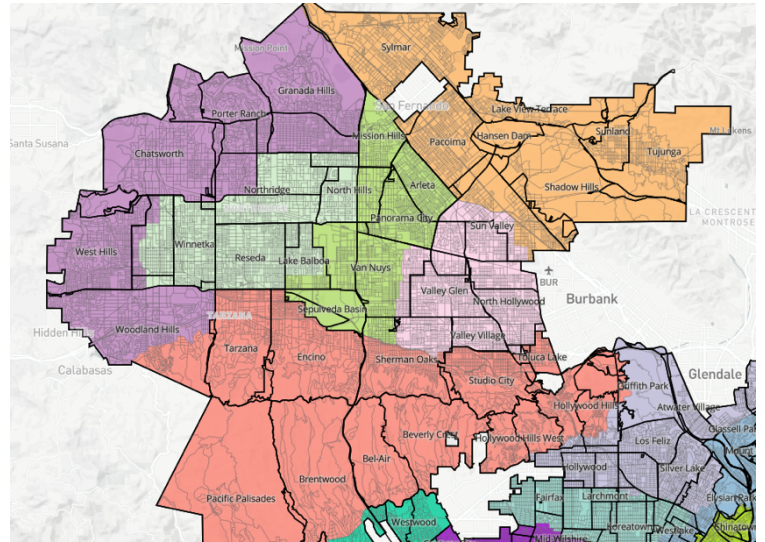
- Keeping NCs and neighborhoods mainly intact to the extent possible
- Keeping “media and entertainment” communities together in one District



Map ID: 39717

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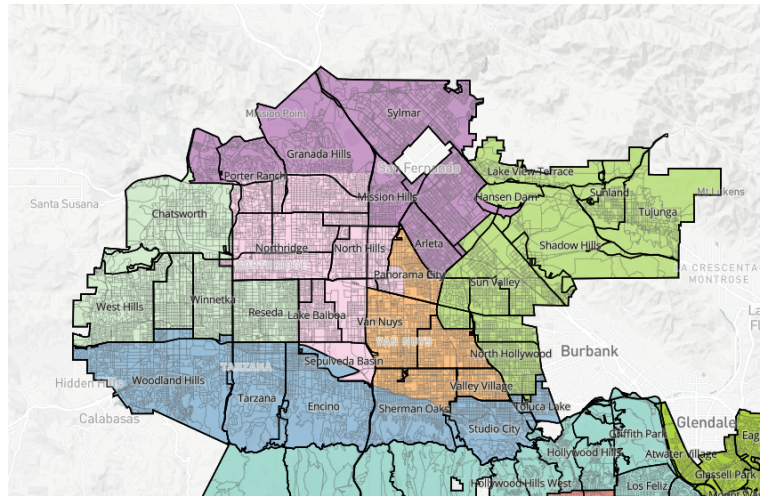
- Keeping the neighborhoods of Sherman Oaks, Encino and Tarzana together in a single City Council District



Map ID: 44823

Principles illustrated:

- Using Mulholland Drive as southern border for the Valley
- Minimizing splits over “the hill”
- Enhancing the voting power of protected classes



Map ID: 44304

Principles illustrated:

- Keeping commercial corridors together
- Keeping the neighborhoods of Encino and Sherman Oaks together

