

## Region 3 Ad Hoc Memo

**To:** Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission

**From:** Chair Fred Ali, Commissioner Rocky Delgadillo, Commissioner Michele Prichard, Commissioner Alexandra Suh

**Date:** September 13, 2021

**Re:** Region 3 Summary of Principles

**Background:** These principles were developed during five Region 3 meetings occurring on the dates of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 3 encompasses Council Districts 4, 5, and 11.

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### Principles:

Region 3's main principles for developing the City Council District Map are as follows:

- Unify Koreatown into one district in a way that it allows the neighborhood to have effective and fair representation, ultimately allowing the community to have a candidate of choice
  - The Commission has received an overwhelming amount of testimony requesting Koreatown unification. The Commission has received both written and spoken testimony from the Koreatown Unification Task Force and residents alike, including a petition of over 4,500 signatures requesting Koreatown to be placed in one district – either Council District (CD) 4, CD 10, or CD 13. Using the Koreatown task force map as a guide, the Commission should also consider an extension of the taskforce map further south to encompass more of the Koreatown community.
- Keep beach cities together
  - The coastal neighborhoods face unique challenges – as one resident put it, “being an urban beach community is unique and the living conditions that brings is separate to what the eastward communities of Los Angeles experience.” Another member of the public explained, “the Coastal areas in particular are necessary to remain intact because they fall under the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission, which is committed to insuring coastal access for all, including access, social justice and economic diversity in housing.” Maintaining one coastal district that encapsulates Santa Monica and Marina Del Rey, will allow for a more unified voice for similar communities.

- Unite the neighborhoods surrounding Beverly Hills
  - Similar to the beach cities principles, the Commission should aim to unite the neighborhoods surrounding Beverly Hills, allowing for the joining together of similar community interests and communities. This includes the Jewish community and institutions, which according to much testimony, remains located in areas such as Pico Robertson, Fairfax, Beverlywood and the west end of Hancock Park, and would like to stay together (Over 35 written comments explaining this).
- Address the population deviation from the ideal target average in both CDs 11 and 5 at the Inter-Regional Ad Hoc meeting
- Unify Palms into a single district
- Have at least one district connect to the Valley over the hill
- Give consideration to unifying as much of Tarzana, Encino and Sherman Oaks as feasible
  - These neighborhoods share common identities and interests. As one individual explains, Encino and Tarzana even share a library... therefore “Encino should remain part of the Valley, considering our representation, interests from a wide range of areas from education to parks to climate. All those things we share with our neighbors in the Valley.” These areas have been mentioned numerous times through testimony as sharing similar interests and identities.
- Reduce the split of Neighborhood Councils and other well-established communities of interest
  - This is a common theme throughout the public testimonies, as individuals explain the difficulty of working with multiple council members for their Neighborhood Council efforts. This also aligns with the Los Angeles City Charter requirement of keeping neighborhoods intact to the extent feasible.
- The above stated principles are subject to the Undercount Analysis Study that will be received in late September
  - The overall work of the Commission should be grounded in the imperative to adopt recommendations for district lines which comply with the Voting Rights Act, adhere to the Charter requirement to keep neighborhoods and other well-established communities of interest intact to the extent feasible, and acknowledge the unique challenges presented by the undercount.
- Please note that no significance should be given to the order in which the principles are listed above.

## Maps

Publicly Submitted Maps that reflect many of the above principles:

### Map ID: 40749

Principles reflected:

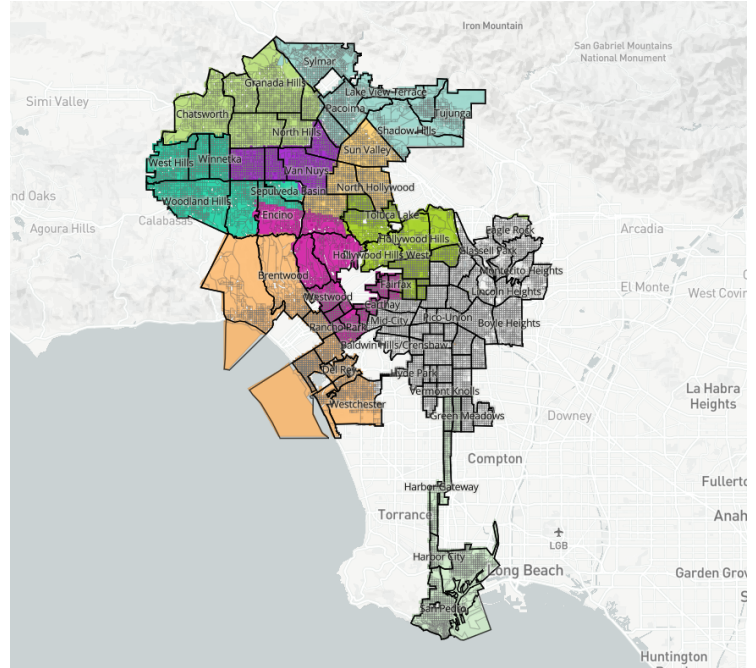
Beach cities unified in one district

Connects Jewish communities

Connects Valley over the hill

Neighborhoods around Beverly Hills connected

Unites Encino and Sherman Oaks



### Map ID: 42477

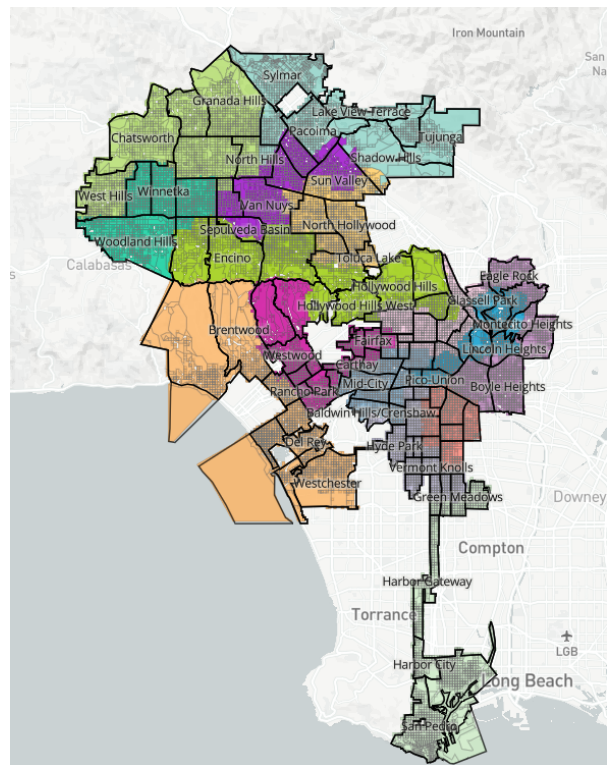
Principles reflected:

Beach cities unified in one district

Most of the neighborhoods around Beverly Hills connected

One over-the-hill district

Keeps Encino, Tarzana and Sherman Oaks together



**Map ID: 38448**

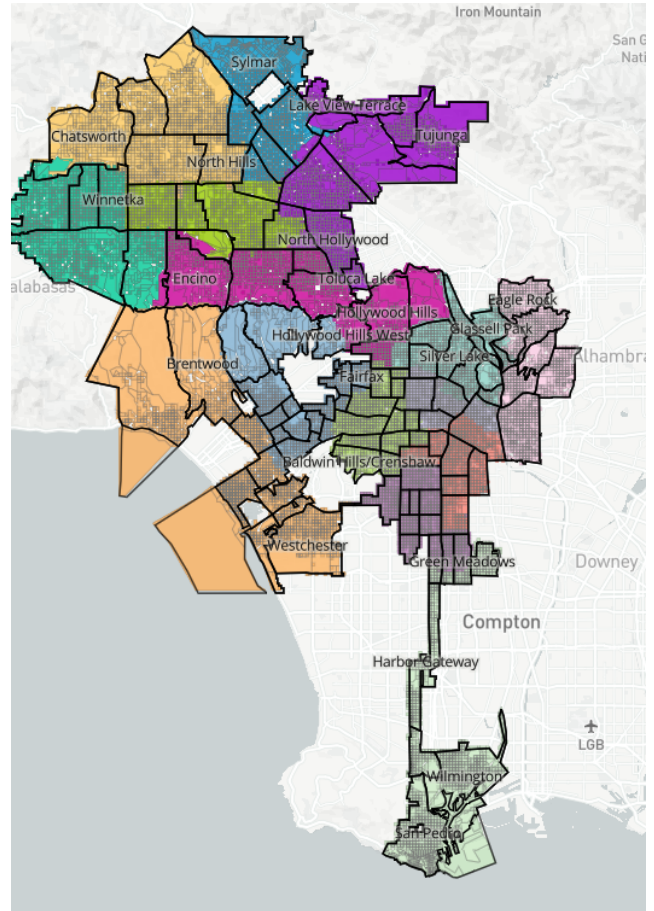
Principles reflected:

Beach cities unified in one district

Neighborhoods around Beverly Hills connected

Palms in one unified district

One district from the Valley into the city side



**Koreatown Redistricting Task Force Map**

Principles reflected:

Shows unified Koreatown

