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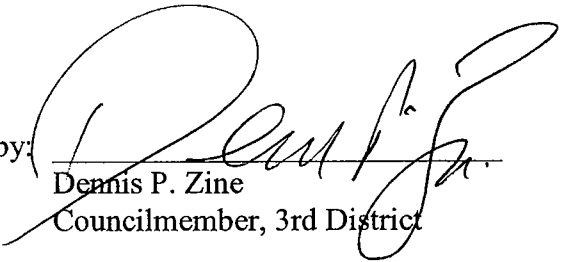
Every ten years, the Los Angeles City Council boundaries are reviewed and redrawn to conform with population growth and shifts in the City. As a result of Charter Reform, the Council districts were redrawn in 2003 for the first time by a Commission. The Redistricting Commission worked diligently for 6 months to fully evaluate the City's demographics and communities of interest before making a recommendation to the City Council. The Commission's work was largely adopted by the Council, which now serves as the official boundaries for the 15 Council districts.

Though extraordinary efforts were made to ensure that local neighborhoods were located within a single Council District, some were not. A small portion of Tarzana, in particular, has been split between the Third and the Fifth Council districts. Community members in Tarzana are very interested in having the entire community located within one district. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council has determined that this is a high priority issue for them and is seeking the City's help in addressing this matter.

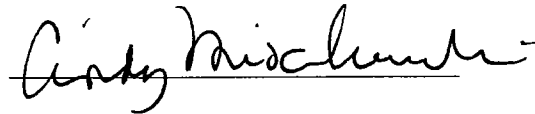
There are many considerations that must be evaluated to effect this change. Data must be reviewed, streets and other geographic features must be considered, and the Commission's work related to communities of interest must be evaluated. But every effort must be taken to ensure the community of Tarzana is joined and represented by a single office.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Attorney report on the steps necessary to effect a small change to the council boundaries in the Tarzana area to ensure that the entire community is within one district.

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