

Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Memo

To: Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission

From: Chair Fred Ali

Date: September 16, 2021

Re: Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Summary of Regional Concepts

Background: The Map Development Process - Regional and Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Groups

At the August 19, 2021 Special Meeting, the LACCRC approved [Map Development Protocols](#). The approved Protocols stated that the only maps that would be considered by the Commission for decision making are those drawn by the Commission in public, those submitted by staff, or those submitted by the public.

Pursuant to these protocols, the Chair appointed Commissioners to four Ad Hoc Regional Groups:

- Region 1 encompassed Council Districts 8, 9, 10, 15
- Region 2 encompassed Council Districts 1, 13, and 14
- Region 3 encompassed Council Districts 4, 5, and 11
- Region 4 encompassed Council Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, and 12

The purpose of these Ad Hoc Regional groups was to review and assess information, including data and Community of Interest testimony, to inform the production of regional reports. These reports identified key regional contours, e.g., regional boundaries and connections, that could be used to inform the map drawing process. At the Commission's meeting on September 13, 2021, each Regional Group presented the Commission and members of the public, a summary of principles for the ultimate development of City Council Maps. This was followed by robust Commission discussion on the proposed principles. The Regional Groups were then dissolved by the Chair and pursuant to the approved Protocols, a new Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Group was appointed. The Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Group was comprised of the four regional leaders, along with the Chair and Vice-chairs, and met on September 14 and 15, 2021.

The Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Group was tasked with addressing inter-regional issues and their City-wide implications, in order to develop overall regional concepts. These inter-regional concepts will then provide the Commission's mapping contractor, Redistricting Partners, and Staff, direction for the development of starting point maps. To the maximum extent possible, the starting point maps will draw from publicly supported maps. These starting maps will be presented to the Commission and Public at the Commission meeting on September 20-21, 2021.

The objective of the September 20-21 Commission meeting is to give direction to Redistricting Partners and Staff for the development of one or more draft City Council district maps that can be presented to the Commission for approval at their September 29 meeting.

Public hearings on draft maps will take place on October 6, 9, 13, and 16. The October 9 meeting will focus on Voting Rights Act considerations, and will include presentations from external experts. The Commission plans to adopt a final map at their meeting on October 21.

Starting Point Motions and Regional Concepts

The Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Group met on September 14 and 15, and agreed to present the full Commission with four starting point motions at the September 20-21 Commission meeting. It is anticipated that the Commission will adopt additional motions during this meeting that provide direction for district map drawing. Those motions are:

- Motion 1: The Draft Maps will be grounded in the imperative that district lines comply with the Voting Rights Act so that the protected classes have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice consistent with the Act.
- Motion 2: The Commission's Draft Maps will adhere to the Los Angeles City Charter's requirement of keeping neighborhoods, Neighborhood Councils and communities of interest intact to the extent feasible, while taking into consideration the impact of the 2020 Census undercount.
- Motion 3: The Commission will agree to a contiguous San Fernando Valley Region, with one bridge district to the balance of the City.
- Motion 4: The Commission will agree to reduce the current Council District splits of Koreatown.

By referencing the Regional Ad Hoc Group regional memos, community testimony and publicly submitted maps, the Inter-Regional Ad Hoc Group also developed the following Inter-Regional Concepts as potential map starting points for the September 20-21 Commission meeting.

Inter-Regional Concept 1:

- Use Mulholland Drive as the southern border for the San Fernando Valley region (Region 4), with one bridge district that could follow the 101 Freeway on the east.
- Retain the existing boundaries between Regions 1 and 2, by using Washington Boulevard, Adams Boulevard, and the 10 Freeway as Region 2's southern boundary.
- Region 2 could extend as far west as either Wilton Ave. or Western Ave. (placing Koreatown in Region 2) or extend to the eastern border of Koreatown at Vermont Ave. (Placing Koreatown in Region 1) allowing for placement of a unified Koreatown community in Regions 1 or 2.
- Region 1's boundaries do not change, keeping the regional divide between Region 3 and Region 1 at La Brea Ave.
- Region 3 remains the same on the westside, using Mulholland Drive as its northern border and will need to add population by moving either east or north.

Inter-Regional Concept 2:

- Use Mulholland Drive as the southern border for the San Fernando Valley Region (Region 4) with one bridge district that could extend to the 5 Freeway on the east, placing Griffith Park and at least part of Los Feliz in the Valley region.
- Koreatown could be split into two regions – Region 1 and 2.
- Region 3 remains the same with a northern border of Mulholland Drive and will need to add population by moving either east or north.

These Inter-Regional concepts will be discussed at the Commission's September 20-21, 2021 meeting.