July 12, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall
Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

ATTN: Alvaro E Hernandez, Executive Director

The attached letter and materials are respectfully submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC), as authorized by the WNC Board at its meeting of July 8, 2021.

For the information of the Commission, background information about the WNC is included as an attachment to this letter.

Sincerely,

Terri M. Tippit
Chair

cc: Board Members, WNC
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CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
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ATTN: Alvaro E. Hernandez, Executive Director

This letter is respectfully submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC)¹, pursuant to a motion (attached) that was adopted by the WNC at its meeting of July 8, 2021. The Westside Neighborhood Council is located in the City and County of Los Angeles. As such, the WNC is located in Zone H of the outreach map of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (California CRC).²

The background regarding the boundaries and composition of the Westside Neighborhood Council is provided in the attachment.

It is acknowledged that this letter is being submitted prior to the release of U.S. Census data that will provide the statistical data that will inform the larger county-wide issues to be evaluated by the California CRC. Nonetheless, this letter is intended to familiarize the California CRC with the request of the WNC as you begin that evaluation process and, subsequently, develop the proposed new map boundaries within the State of California to be used during the next decade for the: (1) the 50+ U.S. House of Representatives districts; (2) the 40 State Senate districts; (3) the 80 State Assembly districts; and (4) the four [4] Board of Equalization districts. The WNC will, of course, be happy to provide additional thoughts once those proposed boundaries have been released to the public for comments.

¹ http://wncla.org
² https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/outreach_zones
CRITERIA

During its discussion of the various redistricting issues affecting our communities, the WNC has been informed by the criteria stated by your peer commissions for the separate but parallel redistricting efforts of the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. Taken from the County of Los Angeles website, the following criteria states what the WNC believes should also be utilized by the California CRC:

The three (3) criteria of specific interest to the WNC are highlighted.

**LA County CRC Criteria**

*District lines will be adopted using the following criteria in order of priority:*

1. *Each district shall be reasonably equal in total resident population to the other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 or allowable by law.*


3. *Districts shall be geographically contiguous.*

4. *The geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.*

5. *To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with numbers 1-4 above, districts shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness.*

*Besides the above criteria, districts shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.*

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3 [https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/](https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/)
**WNC REQUEST—PRIORITY**

The priority request of the WNC is that the entirety of the WNC neighborhood/business areas (see attachment) is located within the district for: (1) the U.S. House of Representatives; (2) the State Senate; (3) the State Assembly; and (4) the State Board of Equalization. This request is consistent with criteria # 3, # 4 and # 5 above.

The placement of the entire area of all seven HOAs that comprise the WNC within the same district in each of the four governmental categories specified above would be consistent with criteria # 3, # 4 and # 5 above.

**WNC OBSERVATION – OVERALL REDISTRICTING**

The WNC acknowledges the enormity of the task assigned to the California CRC as it considers the revisions to the district lines for a State with nearly 40 million residents.

The WNC also acknowledges the importance of the entire panorama of concerns for the various regions of the largest county (by population) in the U.S. – the County of Los Angeles. The WNC believes that the California CRC should look at the entirety and similarity of the concerns facing all of the westside communities in the County of Los Angeles, including the communities of West Los Angeles, Westdale, Sawtelle, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades as well as Westwood/North Westwood, Holmby Hills and Bel-Air.

Having single Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts established (i.e., drawn) to serve as an umbrella of these communities south of the Santa Monica Mountains (in the northwest section of the overall coastal plain) would, in our opinion, fulfill criteria # 4 and # 5 above.

Further, the WNC requests the California CRC to recognize the unity of interests served by the entire area of the WNC. The historical fact is that the core sections of the WNC area were established in the 1920s-1940s period as the anchor to the north – UCLA – began its evolution. Many of the residents of the WNC area have had direct connections to UCLA (as faculty, staff and alumni/ae). Due to that common bond, the WNC area is known for having a cohesive and holistic approach to its common interests – economic, commercial, cultural, educational and more. Consequently, placing all of the WNC area (i.e., north of National Blvd./Santa Monica Freeway), coupled with the Westwood/North Westwood communities that evolved with our
WNC communities over the past nine decades, in the same district for each of the State Assembly, the State Senate, the State Board of Equalization and the U.S. House of Representatives would be fully consistent with criteria # 4 above.

As noted earlier, this letter is being submitted prior to the availability of U.S. census data that will be integral to the California CRC discussions. We look forward to having the opportunity in the future to provide further comments once that data is publicly available and, further, once proposed boundaries have been suggested by the California CRC for the county districts.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter.

Sincerely,

Terri M. Tippit
Chair, Westside Neighborhood Council

cc: Board Members, Westside Neighborhood Council

Attachments (5)
1. WNC Motion adopted on July 8, 2021
2. Background information regarding the WNC
3. Current Placement of WNC area in CA Congressional District no. 37
4. Current Placement of WNC area in CA State Senate District no. 30
5. Current Placement of WNC area in CA State Assembly District no. 54
MOTION REGARDING REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS four different public entities are currently engaged in redistricting efforts following the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census;

WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the 15 City Council districts;

WHEREAS the Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the seven (7) districts of the Los Angeles Unified School system;

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for the five (5) County supervisorial districts; and

WHEREAS the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is considering new boundaries for: (a) the 50+ U.S. House of Representative districts in California; (b) the 40 California State Senate districts; (c) the 80 California State Assembly districts; and (d) the four (4) California State Board of Equalization districts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Westside Neighborhood Council hereby approves the following motion in regard to these efforts:

1. THAT the highest priority request to be submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council to each of the aforementioned entities is that the entirety of each and every residential neighborhood and business area within the Westside Neighborhood Council should be assigned on an integrated basis to the same, i.e., single, district, with no subdivision of any portion of the Westside Neighborhood Council between two or more districts being considered by the entity;
2. THAT an additional priority of the Westside Neighborhood Council be also to request that each entity, in its deliberations regarding boundaries to be established, consider the common interests of the area covered by the Westside Neighborhood Council with other neighborhoods to the north, including Westwood/North Westwood, Westwood Village, Bel-Air and Holmby Hills, as well as the neighborhoods located to the west, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Westside Village/Westdale/West Los Angeles, Sawtelle, Brentwood and Pacific Palisades communities;

3. THAT each of the four redistricting entities listed above be asked, in its deliberation regarding boundaries, to recognize the importance of maintaining a cohesive and holistic approach for the common interests – economic, commercial, cultural, educational -- of the aforementioned communities, acknowledging that these communities have in large part been influenced by the faculty, staff, students and alumni/ae of UCLA (and their families) wishing to live in close proximity to the Westwood campus since its opening in 1929; and

4. THAT the Chair of the Westside Neighborhood Council be authorized to: (a) transmit this motion, together with a specific description of the residential communities and business areas that comprise the Westside Neighborhood Council, to each of the aforementioned redistricting entities by formal communication; and (b) provide additional public comment on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council at any public outreach session or public comment meeting conducted by any or all of such entities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Westside Neighborhood Council at its regular meeting of July 8, 2021.
Background re The Westside Neighborhood Council

The Westside Neighborhood Council is a City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council established pursuant to City of Los Angeles Charter Measure 1 that was approved in the City election of June 1999. The most recent bylaws for the WNC were approved on February 2, 2021.

The boundaries of the WNC are defined in Section 1 of the bylaws:

I. NORTH by Santa Monica Boulevard;

II. EAST by a border including the properties fronting on the eastern side Century Park East from Santa Monica Boulevard to Pico Boulevard then westerly along Pico Boulevard then southerly along Motor Avenue then along Monte Mar Drive southeasterly then southerly along Anchor Avenue extending past Anchor Avenue’s cul-de-sac to connect with Club Drive until Club Drive connects with National Boulevard;

III. SOUTH by a border of National Boulevard extending from the San Diego Freeway (405) to Overland Boulevard, then southerly along Overland Boulevard to the Santa Monica Freeway (10), then easterly along the Santa Monica Freeway (10) to the National Boulevard exit; and

IV. WEST by the San Diego Freeway (405).

The residential interests of households located within the WNC boundaries are represented by WNC seats filled by representatives of the following seven (7) homeowner associations, approximately shown on the first of the two attached City of Los Angeles maps:

**North of Pico Blvd:**
1. Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA (WNC seats 7, 18)
2. Overland Avenue Community HOA (WNC seats 7,18)
3. Century Glen HOA (WNC seat 10)
4. Century City Residential areas (WNC seat 11)

**South of Pico Blvd.:**
1. West of Westwood HOA (WNC seat 8)
2. Westwood Gardens Civic Association (WNC seat 9)
3. Cheviot Hills HOA (WNC seat 12)
4. California Country Club Homes Association HOA (WNC seat 13)
The interests of **for-profit business** entities located within the WNC boundaries are represented by seven WNC seats filled by representatives from the areas shown on the second of the two attached maps (WNC seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19).

The interests of **non-profit and other entities** located within the WNC boundaries are represented by four WNC seats filled by representatives appointed by local religious institutions (WNC seat 14), schools (WNC seat 15), other non-profit organizations (WNC seat 16) and at-large concerns (WNC seat 17).
CURRENT STATE SENATE DISTRICT NO. 30 MAP
(with WNC communities indicated in RED)
CURRENT STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 54 MAP (with WNC communities indicated in RED)