June 2, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Subject: Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Federal-State Redistricting Recommendations

Dear Commissioners,

Sherman Oaks is a united 73,000-person community of interest on the southern border of the San Fernando Valley at the Sepulveda Pass in the City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles County). The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) has been a voice of the community since 1964 and represents about 2,400 Sherman Oaks families. We care about our community and work together on local projects. SOHA’s monthly meetings draw up to 500 attendees for hotly contested political debates. We have one simple recommendation for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We want our community of interest to remain whole and intact, as we are today, in one single Congressional district, one single California Senate district, and one single California Assembly district. Twenty years ago, Sherman Oaks was split across more than one district, and we asked the 2011 Commission to reconnect our community into single districts. We thank the 2011 Commission for doing just that. We today request that the 2021 Commission ensures that we remain intact in single districts during their current redistricting efforts.

The official Los Angeles boundary for Sherman Oaks is shown in Map 1. We are a large community that includes hillside and flatland areas, plus two major freeways. Our eastern, southern, and western boundaries follow ZIP Code boundaries. Our northern boundary does not and splits two ZIP Codes.

The map highlights two areas of Sherman Oaks that were not consistently maintained as part of our community during 2011 redistricting. The first area is POSO, called Part of Sherman Oaks with about 6,900 residents, which was officially added to Sherman Oaks by City Council action in July 2009 (see Council File 08-2758 in Attachment 1). The second area is the sliver of Sherman Oaks west of the 405 freeway, which is officially part of our community but often ignored during redistricting because the freeway is sometimes considered a more natural western boundary of Sherman Oaks.
The following paragraphs provide more detailed information justifying why and how the Sherman Oaks community of interest should remain intact in one single Congressional district, one single California Senate district, and one single California Assembly district.

Congressmember Brad Sherman’s 30th Congressional District – Map 2 shows the current 30th Congressional District. It includes all the Sherman Oaks community except POSO (Part of Sherman Oaks, see Attachment 1 for specific boundaries). POSO is officially in the Sherman Oaks community, has strong ties to our community of interest, and should be included as part of the community in a single Congressional district. Sherman Oaks, POSO, and SOHA have strong relationships with Congressmember Sherman and his staff. For example, we are working together today to advocate for reduced aircraft noise from Van Nuys Airport. We strongly desire to remain fully intact in his district within the San Fernando Valley.

Senator Bob Hertzberg’s 18th California Senate District – Map 3 shows the current 18th California Senate District. It includes all of Sherman Oaks with POSO except the sliver of Sherman Oaks located west of the 405 freeway. Both POSO and the sliver should be included in a redistricted 18th district in the San Fernando Valley. Sherman Oaks and SOHA again have strong relationships with Senator Hertzberg and his staff. For example, we are working together today to advocate for housing and affordable housing legislation (sometimes daily). We strongly desire to remain fully intact in his district.

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian’s 46th California Assembly District – Map 4 shows the current 46th California Assembly District. It includes all of Sherman Oaks with POSO except the sliver of Sherman Oaks located west of the 405 freeway. Both POSO and the sliver should be included in a redistricted 46th district in the San Fernando Valley. Sherman Oaks and SOHA again have strong relationships with Assemblymember Nazarian and his staff. For example, we are working together today to advocate for housing and affordable housing legislation (sometimes daily). We strongly desire to remain fully intact in his district.
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s 3rd LA County Supervisorial District – Map 5 shows the current 3rd Los Angeles County Supervisorial District. All of Sherman Oaks including both POSO and the sliver west of the 405 freeway is centrally located in the district. Sherman Oaks and SOHA again have strong relationships with Supervisor Kuehl and her staff. For example, for the last four years we have been working closely with her transportation staff on LA Metro’s Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project – a critical rapid transit link between the San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles. We strongly desire to remain fully intact in the district and are making this recommendation to the 2021 LA County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Councilmember Nithya Raman’s 4th LA City Council District – Map 6 shows the current 4th Los Angeles City Council District (CD4). It includes all of Sherman Oaks with POSO except the sliver of Sherman Oaks located west of the 405 freeway. In 2011 redistricting, the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission recognized Sherman Oaks as an important community of interest and worked to keep it and many other recognized communities of interest intact within City Council Districts (see Attachment 2).

Sherman Oaks and SOHA have strong relationships with Councilmember Raman and her staff across many issues and challenges facing our community. For example, we are currently working with her office on homelessness, community plan updates, development, rapid transit, and traffic improvement. We strongly desire to remain fully intact in one single district and have made this recommendation to the 2021 LA City Council Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you desire further information or have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Attachment 1: Los Angeles City Council File 08-2758, Renaming POSO within Greater Sherman Oaks
Attachment 2: Excerpt from Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission, March 2012

cc: Congressmember Brad Sherman, John Alford (Congressmember Sherman’s office), Senator Bob Hertzberg, Barri Worth Girvan (Senator Hertzberg’s office), Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Ryan Ahari (Assemblymember Nazarian’s office)
July 15, 2009

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file No. 08-2758, at its meeting held July 14, 2009.

City Clerk

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  

Your 

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE 

reports as follows: 

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an application to 
rename a community Sherman Oaks. 

Recommendations for Council action: 

1. APPROVE the application relative to renaming a community Sherman Oaks, roughly 
located in a neighborhood north of Burbank Boulevard, south of Oxnard Street, east of 
Sepulveda Boulevard and west of Hazeltine Avenue, with the following boundaries: 
   a. Eastern Boundary – North side of Burbank Boulevard, West side of Hazeltine, 
      North side of Califa/Tiara. 
   b. Northern Boundary – North side of Califa/Tiara. This boundary includes the 
      residences on Vesper Street which may have addresses on Oxnard Boulevard. 
      Califa Street is located along the Western end of the North Boundary. The street 
      does not have passage through to Sepulveda Boulevard which is the Western 
      boundary. The applicants request that a boundary line is extended from the 
      North West corner of the intersection of Califa and Halbrent to Sepulveda 
      Boulevard to the West. 
   c. Exclusion – East and West side of Van Nuys Boulevard consistent with the 
      current exclusion from Magnolia Boulevard through Burbank Boulevard. 
   d. Western Boundary – East side of the 405 Freeway. 

2. INSTRUCT all relevant departments to perform the necessary requirements to effectuate 
the renaming of this community, including but not limited to, the installation of signs. 

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the Chief Legislative Analyst nor the City Administrative 
Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report. 

Community Impact Statement: Yes 
Against Proposal: Van Nuys Neighborhood Council 
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council 

SUMMARY 

At its regular meeting held on June 23, 2009, the Education and Neighborhoods Committee 
considered an application filed by Laurette Healy requesting to change a community name to 
Sherman Oaks. This community is roughly located in a neighborhood north of Burbank 
Boulevard, south of Oxnard Street, east of Sepulveda Boulevard and west of Hazeltine Avenue. 
The properties petitioning for a name change are comprised of approximately 1,855 parcels and 
are located within two postal zip code areas; 91411 and 91401.
The Office of the City Clerk provided a summary of the application chronology which is attached to the Council file. The application was filed on September 23, 2008 and, after City Clerk staff verified the requisite number of signatures on the petition accompanying the application, it was approved for processing on October 8, 2008. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment reports that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and Greater Valley Glen Council were all notified of the proposal to rename a portion of Van Nuys to Sherman Oaks. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and Van Nuys Neighborhood Council held public hearings on January 9, 2009 and January 14, 2009, respectively, and voted to oppose the proposed name change from Van Nuys to Sherman Oaks. Both Neighborhood Councils submitted Community Impact Statements to the Council file. The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and the Greater Valley Glen Council did not hold hearings on the subject. Additionally, the City Clerk, Records Management Division, and the Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, submitted reports relative to the application.

During the discussion of this matter, the applicant briefly presented background information concerning the community and addressed related questions from the Committee members. Since the proposed community is located within the boundaries of Council District Two, staff representing Councilmember Wendy Greuel addressed the Committee. The representative of Councilmember Greuel’s Office spoke in support of the application and petition to officially rename the community Sherman Oaks and requested a technical amendment to describe the western boundary as the east side of the 405 Freeway. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the application to rename a community Sherman Oaks as amended to describe the western boundary as the east side of the 405 Freeway. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

MEMBER        VOTE
ALERCON:       YES
HAHN:          YES
ZINE:          ABSENT

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ATTACHMENT 2
Excerpt from Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission, March 2012

Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission

Report excerpts from LA City Council 2011 Redistricting Commission decided to maintain and respect Sherman Oaks as a Community of Interest
Additionally, the Recommended Plan accomplishes the following:

- **Neighborhood Councils are more unified:** Of the City's 95 Neighborhood Councils, the number that are divided between Council districts is reduced from 53 to 29, while the number of Neighborhood Councils split between three Council districts is reduced from thirteen to only three. Whereas Encino, Palms, and Lake Balboa are each currently split between three Council districts, each is united within single districts under the Recommended Plan. Overall, a total of 24 Neighborhood Councils that are currently split across multiple districts are united within single districts.

- **Preserves communities as established by the Los Angeles City Council:** The Recommended Plan identifies and preserves whole the following communities as identified by the City of Los Angeles’ community renaming policy, or grandfathered in from previous policies and actions of the City Council [See Appendix J]: Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Little Armenia, Little Bangladesh, Little Ethiopia, Little Tokyo, Rose Hill, Sherman Oaks, and Thai Town.

- **The opportunities of all voters to elect candidates of their choice is maintained:** The number of districts from which Latino communities have an equal opportunity to elect Latino candidates is maintained throughout the City with five majority Latino Citizen Voting Age Population districts and one coalition district. The voting strength of African-Americans has also been maintained in Council Districts 8, 9, and 10, with one majority Black Citizen Voting Age Population district and two coalition districts.

- **Maintains an overall deviation of less than 5 percent:** Based on the policy decision made by the Commission on February 15 to maintain a 5 percent overall deviation (+/- 2.5 percent) or lower across the City, the Recommended Plan, with an overall deviation of 4.96 percent, goes further than the current Council District boundaries enacted in 2002 which tolerated an overall deviation of 10 percent, a reduction of more that half in keeping with the one person, one vote principle.

Based on the Commission's conclusions, it now recommends that the Council take the following actions:

1. Approve and adopt this "Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission" (the "Report"),

2. Adopt as the City's Decennial Redistricting Plan, the Commission's Recommended Plan discussed in this Report,

3. Adopt an ordinance, as approved by the City Attorney, which establishes Council District boundaries in accordance with this Report.
V. REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED PLAN

The Recommended Plan Satisfies the Equal Population Principle as Embodied in the United States Constitution

The total population of the City, according to the 2010 Census, is 3,792,621. Divided among the 15 Council districts, the ideal population for each district becomes 252,841. In the Recommended Plan, Council District 12 has a population of 259,073 (+2.46%) and Council District 14 has a population of 246,509 (-2.50%), making the total population deviation for the City 4.96%. Based on the policy decision made by the Commission on February 15 to maintain a 5 percent overall deviation (+/- 2.5 percent) or lower across the City, the Recommended Plan goes further than the current Council District boundaries enacted in 2002 which tolerated an overall deviation of 10 percent, a reduction of more than half in keeping with the one person, one vote principle. The Final Map Recommendation has made good faith efforts to draw equipopulous districts with slight deviations based on the public policy rationales of: keeping at least two-thirds of the Neighborhood Councils whole, including minimizing splits between Council Districts to the extent possible; maintaining and respect communities and neighborhoods that had been identified by the City of Los Angeles’ community renaming policy, or grandfathered in from previous policies and actions of the City Council; and compliance with federal, state, and municipal law.

Communities are More Intact and Unified

The Recommended Plan is an important improvement on the existing Council boundaries by significantly reducing the number of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils that are divided between multiple Council districts. The Commission's adopted database identifies 95 currently certified Neighborhood Councils across the City. Of these 95 Neighborhood Councils, 53 are currently divided across multiple Council districts: 40 split between two districts, and 13 split between three districts. The Final Map Recommendation reduces the number of split Neighborhood Councils from 53 to 29. The number of Neighborhood Councils split between two districts is reduced from 40 to 26, and the number of Neighborhood Councils divided between three districts is reduced from thirteen to three. Three communities that are currently split among three districts - Encino, Palms, and Lake Balboa - are completely united within single districts under the Recommended Plan.

Through its actions on February 15 and February 22, the Commission also made the de facto policy decision to maintain and respect communities and neighborhoods that had been identified by the City of Los Angeles’ community renaming policy, or grandfathered in from previous policies and actions of the City Council: Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Little Armenia, Little Bangladesh, Little Ethiopia, Little Tokyo, Rose Hill, Sherman Oaks, and Thai Town. [see Appendix J]

Neighborhood Councils Compels Respect for a New Community of Interest

The formation and certification of 95 Neighborhood Councils since the adoption of the Los Angeles City Charter in 1999 created a new opportunity and challenge for the