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Subject: Some October 13 "Visualizations" OK for Greater Wilshire. Two Are Not.

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State Redistricting Commission:

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council's position / entreaty should be known to you by now: STOP THE SPLIT. More than 40 stakeholders wrote to you in the early part of your deliberations, in July.

Please keep GWNC within single Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts.

This is necessary to correct the serious mistake made by your predecessor commission ten years ago (following a badly-conceived, circa 2009 LAPD boundary line that cuts up existing and organized communities of interest). USE THE GWNC BOUNDARIES, please.

Specific comments on the "Visualizations" released yesterday:

CONGRESS:

Congressional Visualization A — WESTSIDELA — **Unacceptable**. You should CHANGE the eastern boundary to include all of GWNC. This drawing perpetuates the present mistake from ten years ago.

Congressional Visualization A1 — DTLAHLWD (one "L") — **Unacceptable**. This is the other part of the unacceptable WESTSIDELA (to the west of this visualization). ALL of GWNC should be included with our similar communities of interest to the west. You should CHANGE the western boundary of DTLAHLWD to Western Avenue (between Melrose and Olympic) so none of GWNC will be in this district and ALL of GWNC will be together in the district to the west.

(It seems that this visualization may be based partly upon the arbitrary and erroneous *Los Angeles Times* mapping project from a decade, or more, ago. See all of the comments on the *Times* mapping website when that newspaper first published its mistaken map . . . and then stubbornly refused to correct it. The communities south of Wilshire, between Western and Crenshaw, are a part of GWNC to the west. They never have been a part of the *LAT* made-up district, nor are they part of the City of Los Angeles official designation of "Koreatown," which puts that boundary at Western Avenue — properly following the boundary between the Greater Wilshire N.C. and the Wilshire Center-Koreatown N.C.)

Please correct your proposed Congressional boundary and move the line to Western Avenue. Visualizations DTLAHLWD and WESTSIDELA perpetuate the present mistake from ten years ago.

Congressional Visualization B1 — DTLAHLWD (two "L"s) — This is **acceptable**. It keeps GWNC in a single Congressional district.

STATE SENATE:

State Senate Visualization B — HLYWDGLN — This is **acceptable**. It keeps GWNC in a single State Senate district.

STATE ASSEMBLY:

State Assembly Visualization A — STUCTYHLWD — This is **acceptable**. It keeps GWNC in a single Assembly district.

State Assembly Visualization B1 — NCENTRALLA — This is **acceptable**. It keeps GWNC in a single Assembly district.

Please correct the Congressional maps (unless you settle on DTLAHLLYWD, which is acceptable). I do know, however, that our related communities of interest are to the west, not the east, so the minor boundary correction of moving the boundary to Western Avenue, in Congressional Visualizations A and A1, would be better re-drawing of the lines and also would be GWNC's preference.

Correcting the prior mistake that split our communities is very important to allow us to have fair representation.

Thank you.

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