



Windsor Square Association

November 8, 2021

Via Email Only

Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Paul Koretz
City Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 20-0668-S7
Redistricting: Greater Wilshire

Dear Councilmembers O'Farrell and Koretz:

Based upon the actions of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee on Friday, November 5, 2021, we respectfully request the following specific minor modifications to the new hybrid map:

1. GWNC Technical Boundary Corrections. Our first request is to ensure that your dividing lines conform to the City-approved perimeter and internal boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC), as follows:

- **The GWNC's Eastern Boundary.** CD 10 correctly includes properties along both sides of Western Avenue, as currently configured in the hybrid map. However, the correct dividing boundary between CD 10 and CD 13 (the eastern boundary of the GWNC) is: "The rear (western) property line of the properties along the west side of Western Avenue, except for the area between 6th Street and 7th Street, for which the western boundary is Wilton Place." This means that both sides of Manhattan Place should be in CD 13. Please see pages 3 and 4 of the attached GWNC Bylaws for the details.
- **The GWNC's Rossmore/Arden Boundary.** The GWNC dividing line between our internal neighborhoods of Larchmont Village and Windsor Square is east of Rossmore, such that both sides of Arden Boulevard are included in Larchmont Village and in Windsor Square. Thus, CD 13 in the hybrid map should include both sides of the properties along South Arden Boulevard, as both sides are within our Larchmont and Windsor Square neighborhoods. The CLA's hybrid map may have incorrectly depicted this boundary as being the middle of South Arden Boulevard. Please see pages 3 and 4 of the attached GWNC Bylaws for the details.

2A. Complete the East/West Split of GWNC. We understand that it is not the will of the Ad Hoc Committee to unite the entire Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) in CD 5, as proposed by the Redistricting Commission. The Committee split the GWNC between CD 5 and CD 13, but not in a manner that makes the most sense for the GWNC and its most effective City Council representation.

Therefore, our second request is to add the “south of Wilshire” / “east of Muirfield” neighborhoods of the GWNC into CD 13, from CD 5, just as the Ad Hoc Committee did with our “north of Wilshire / “east of Rossmore/Arden” neighborhoods. This request is based upon our and the City Council’s local land-use goal, since 1978, to NOT have this part of town be split between those in the GWNC living north and south of Wilshire. The critical development decisions related to Wilshire Boulevard impact residents on both sides, and it is important to us that both sides be in the same Council District.

I write as one of the long-time proponents of enforcement of the Park Mile Specific Plan, a main goal of the Wilshire Homeowners’ Alliance, of which the Windsor Square Association is a part:



The east-west split of GWNC must extend down to Olympic Boulevard. The dividing line should be between our Brookside (which would stay in CD 5) and Fremont Place (which would move to CD 13) neighborhoods. That would keep Fremont Place with its neighbor institution, The Ebell of Los Angeles (and also does not split The Ebell clubhouse and theatre parcels from its parking lot on the east side of Lucerne Boulevard). Again, our attached Bylaws provide the relevant boundary descriptions and we have also attached our boundaries map.

2B. Return the GWNC NW Corner to CD 5. The population numbers involved in our 2A request also allow for the return from CD 13 to CD 5 of the northern half of GWNC’s Melrose Neighborhood (GWNC Area 8) that got lopped off in the Commission’s Map K2.5. This split of our Area 8 neighborhood, at that time, accommodated adding back sections of Melrose Avenue to CD 5, as urgently sought by our adjoining Mid City West Neighborhood Council leaders. But this population accommodation is not necessary if our second request (to complete the east / west split of GWNC) is approved. Bringing all of our Area 8 Melrose Neighborhood into CD 5 helps make our argument for two complete halves: “West GWNC” and “East GWNC.”

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Our requests:

1. **Technical Boundary Corrections** (see above for details).
2. **Create West GWNC and East GWNC:**
 - A. Move GWNC Areas 4, 15, 13, and 3 (from CD 5 to CD 13).
 - B. Add Back to CD 5 the Removed Portion of GWNC's Area 8.

Thank you for addressing these needed changes.

Sincerely yours,



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Windsor Square Association

Attachments:

- Marked up GWNC Map (see next page)
- GWNC Bylaws

MARKED-UP GWNC MAP

