

Hello commissioners:

I am the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Director for District 11 in Los Angeles City Council District 11. This area encompasses the residential neighborhood of LA City Ladera south to the 405 Freeway. Our area is known as the east Westchester community. On behalf of our residents we want to oppose the K2 Map plan to move our community out of Westchester into CD 8.

In the 10 years since our community was redistricted into CD 11 we have developed strong bonds with the Westchester. We share churches, shopping and business centers with Westchester. We have community signs in our business district that say 'Westchester', we have a seat on the Neighborhood Council, we work with LAPD's Pacific Division Community Policing Unit, Councilman Bonin sponsors our neighborhood Block Party, we participated in the Westchester Santa Claus Holiday Caravan, and with the support of the Neighborhood Council and our Councilman our neighborhood got it's official name of 'Ladera' after 70 years.

Until the previous Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission moved us into Council District 11 our neighborhood had been forgotten for decades by most of Los Angeles City Departments. We had major public safety hazards and issues with other city services, but our area is so small and removed from CD 8 that we were ignored, and our voices were not heard. We had street signs that were 35 years old with letters missing making it difficult for first responders to find us in emergency situations, frequent power outages, dangerous intersections and trash that was frequently not picked up. Since we became part of CD 11, our community had been recognized. We had a community meeting with Councilman Bonin and superintendents from several city departments and they heard how poor the service was and we finally got improvements. DWP came to service our power poles for the first time in 10 years, the city made new street signs for the neighborhood, Bradley Place got resurfaced for the first time in 30 years, intersections with blind spots got red curbs painted, two of the most dangerous intersections got stop signs, the Councilman's office helped on community clean-up, and they helped get funding for a major relandscaping and stormwater reclamation project on La Cienega (the gateway to LAX) in our community.

Under Los Angeles Council District 11 our neighborhood has been improving. We now have a seat on the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa and we share the same issues with the rest of the Westchester community about our parks, homelessness, airport noises, etc. With the proposed plan in Map K2.5 we will lose our Neighborhood Council Residential Districts seat and our ability to have the voices of our residents heard at City Hall. Map K2.5 will take away our hope for further improvements.

Sincerely,

Dennis Miller
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Director - Residential District 11