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Comments for Public Posting: November 2nd Council Meeting: Agenda Item 46 The City Council plans to adjust the LACC Restricting Commissions approved map. SOHA WILL ONLY SUPPORT map adjustments that keep the Sherman Oaks community whole in a single district and give the Valley its deserved fair share of districts, meaning a single “bridge” district having at least a 70 percent Valley-majority population. The attached letter from SOHA provides further details (Filename: "SOHA LACC Redistricting Recommendations 2021 10 31 CF20-0668-S7"). Sherman Oaks deserves to be whole and the Valley finally deserves its fair share of districts. Thank you. Bob Anderson Board Member and Chair, Redistricting Committee Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

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Subject: Council File 20-0668-S7 (November 2nd Council Meeting Agenda Item 46) SOHA Redistricting Recommendation for Council Map Adjustments

Dear Councilmembers,

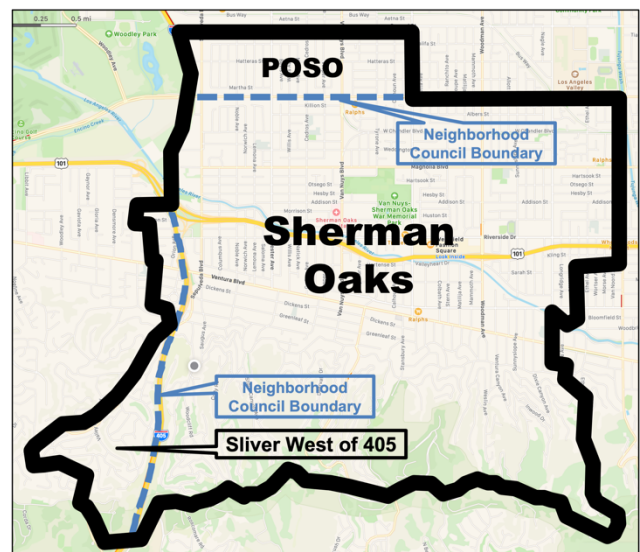
The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) has been actively involved in City Council Redistricting since late 2020. We have spent hundreds of hours analyzing maps, submitting letters, and participating in Commission meetings. We support Commission-approved Map K2.5 Final because:

- The map keeps the Sherman Oaks community whole in a single all-Valley district and
- The map gives the Valley the fair share of districts that it has so long deserved.

The City Council plans to adjust the map. **SOHA WILL ONLY SUPPORT map adjustments that keep the Sherman Oaks community whole in a single district and give the Valley its deserved fair share of districts, meaning a single “bridge” district having at least a 70 percent Valley-majority population.** The Valley has gotten the short end of the redistricting stick for twenty years. Enough is enough!

Sherman Oaks Whole in a Single District – Sherman Oaks is a strongly united 76,000-person community in the southern San Fernando Valley (see map) with a strong homeowners' organization and strong Neighborhood Council. Sherman Oaks officially includes POSO (Part of Sherman Oaks) bounded by Oxnard Street (north), Hazeltine Avenue (east), Burbank Boulevard (south), and the 405 freeway (west). The City Council officially added POSO to Sherman Oaks in July 2009 (Council File 08-2758). POSO is currently part of CD4 but is not yet part of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) but should be. POSO is truly Part of Sherman Oaks.

Sherman Oaks also includes a sliver west of the 405 Freeway. However, the 405 has become the de facto western boundary of our community. The sliver west of the 405 is not part of SONC or our current CD4.



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Any Council adjustments to the Commission-approved City Council map **MUST KEEP** our Sherman Oaks community, including POSO, whole in a single district. Being whole allows us to continue our important work on homelessness, affordable housing, community planning, traffic, rapid transit, and aircraft noise.

Valley Gets Deserved Fair Share of Districts – Getting the Valley its fair share of districts has two parts. First, there must be only a single bridge district from the Valley to the balance of the city. Second, the single bridge district must have a Valley population consistent with the Valley's share of the citywide population. Any map adjustments **MUST FULFILL** both requirements and give the Valley a real fair share of districts.

Having a single bridge district is absolutely critical because it gives the Valley its fair share of voting power on the Council. The current 2011 district map has two smaller bridge districts that effectively split the Valley's voting power. The Valley is really its own large Community of Interest. Prior redistricting efforts gerrymandered the Valley by "cracking" it into two separate non-contiguous bridge districts (Sherman Oaks and Toluca Lake in CD4 and Encino in CD5) thereby "diluting" each district's voting power. This action by the 2011 Commission was truly unconscionable. We commend the 2021 Commission because every one of their official map plans (A1 through K2.5 Final) had a single bridge district. The 2021 Commission gave the Valley its deserved single bridge district. Any City Council map adjustments **MUST HAVE** only a single bridge district. Having two bridge districts is simply unfair to the Valley! Again!

Ensuring that the single bridge district has a fair share of Valley population is also absolutely critical. The Valley's fair share is easy to determine. The Valley has 38 percent of the citywide population and deserves the same proportion of Valley districts – 5.7 districts. This means the Valley deserves five full (all-Valley) districts and at least 70 percent of the single bridge district. The 2011 Commission ignored this and unbalanced the Valley's population in favor of the city, disenfranchising about 30,000 Valley residents.

The 2021 Commission worked hard to ensure that the Valley got its fair share of population in the single bridge district. The table shows that early Commission draft map plans were not fair to the Valley because they did not provide at least 70 percent Valley population in the single bridge district. SOHA supported the Map K series because every map in the series gave the Valley more than 70 percent population in the single bridge district. The Valley got its fair share. Any City Council map adjustments **MUST HAVE** at least 70 percent Valley population in the single bridge district. The Council **MUST NOT** dilute what the Commission worked so hard to achieve for the Valley!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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| Commission Draft Map Plan | Valley Population of Single Bridge District | Map Fair/Unfair to Valley |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| A1 | 61.2% | Very Unfair |
| B2 | 68.3% | Unfair |
| C2 | 66.0% | Unfair |
| D1 | 66.4% | Unfair |
| E | 68.7% | Slightly Unfair |
| F | 68.7% | Slightly Unfair |
| G | 68.7% | Slightly Unfair |
| H | 68.7% | Slightly Unfair |
| I | 62.7% | Very Unfair |
| J | 64.4% | Unfair |
| K Corrected | 74.1% | Very Fair |
| L | 65.8% | Unfair |
| K2 | 77.8% | Very Fair |
| K2.5 | 75.8% | Very Fair |
| K2.5 Amend 1 | 76.5% | Very Fair |
| K2.5 Amend 2 | 76.5% | Very Fair |
| K2.5 Amend 3 | 73.9% | Fair |
| K2.5 Amend 4 | 74.1% | Fair |
| K2.5 Final | 74.5% | Fair |