

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Councilmembers, My name is Ken I'm with Community Coalition (Work/live) in South Central LA. I am here to emphasize how important it is for the end results of this redistricting process, to be done with equity and real racial justice. I'm urging for the assets to go back to CD8 - the last predominantly black community. These are Exposition Park and USC: South Los Angeles is a place where many Black people can find culture and identity. Neighborhoods like Leimert Park and the Crenshaw corridor have served as the economic engine of Black Los Angeles. There have been damage over and over to our community and taking this will add to the damage. Our communities face displacement and gentrification, divestment, houselessness, and unemployment. We need representation that reflects our communities' concerns. For the last few months through this redistricting process, several South LA residents have organized and called to uplift their voices, to share their frustrations due to decades of discrimination and racist policies that have impacted our black and brown community for decades. A community that is still hurting the most during this pandemic. This is a time to undo the harm done 10 years ago and do Justice. During a time of black erasure, we are asking for the last predominately black Council District in all of LA, District 8, the only district that lacks any assets to have the assets that were taken away a decade ago, Expo park and USC. We ask for district 9 to keep the many economic engines like LA Live, Figueroa corridor, and to gain access to parts of DTLA that were taken away as well. We ask for all council members to stand in real solidarity with our black community and speak up. Thank you for your time, Ken B.