

PIERCE COLLEGE - AETNA STREET , EXHIBITION PLACE, AND BELLA VISTA APARTMENTS

10 messages

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Dear Honorable Commissioners, Director Cardenas, and Honorable Staff of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission,

I would like to begin by thanking Commissioner Cagna for bringing to your attention my email to you all regarding the homes south of Pierce College. In that email, I made an error. I believe the motion was to move Pierce College as an asset to District 4 or 2. There never was a discussion regarding population. Last night after your Final Commission meeting, I jumped over the the LA County Redistricting Commission meeting.

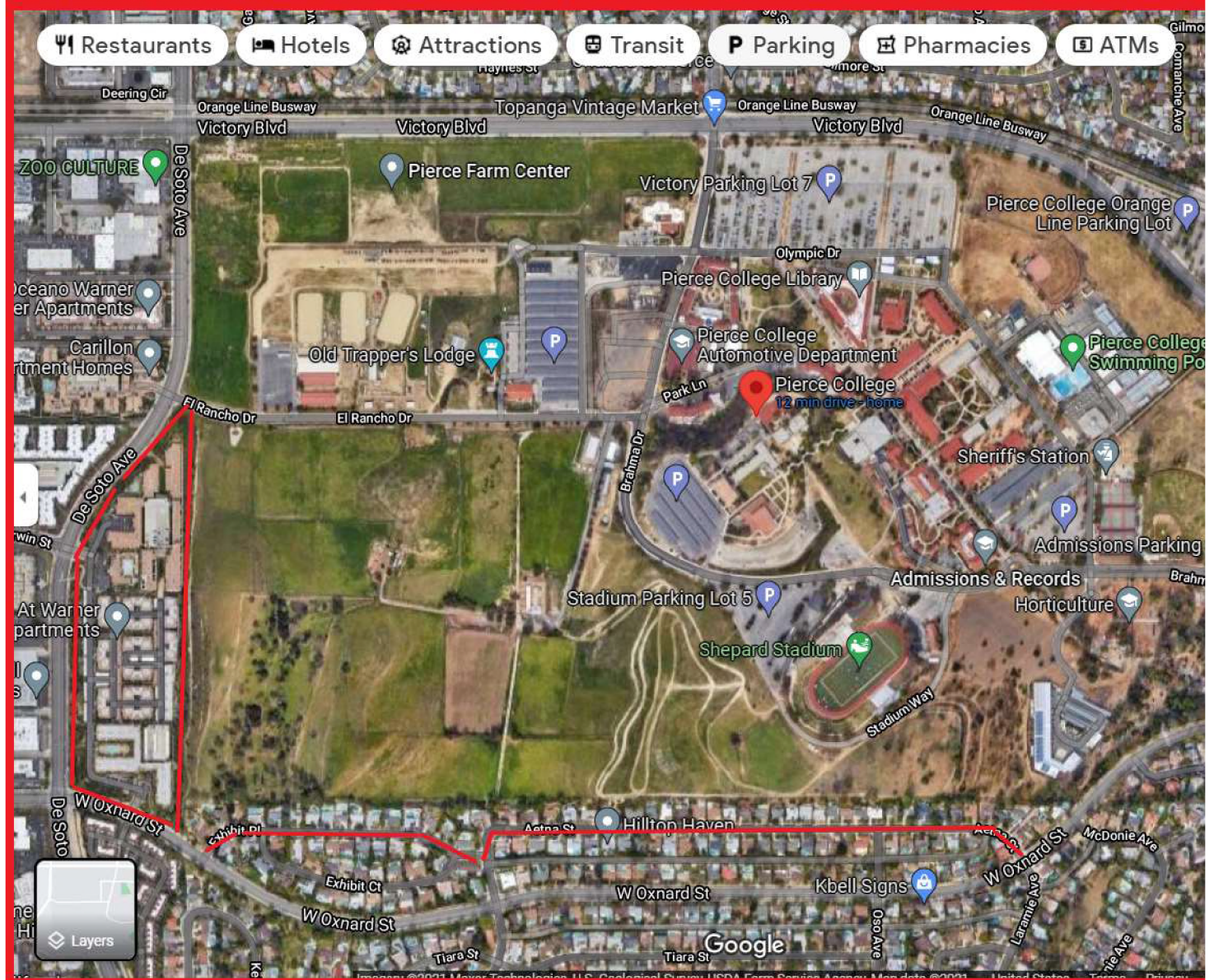
At the same time, members of the public were attending a Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council WHIP Committee (Woodland Hills Issues and Policies Committee) meeting & Blumenfeld's staff were present as were members of the public in attendance. That agenda is here: https://whcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/whip_2021-10-28.pdf

This is the Committee that introduced the map to the Community - map # 57666. I later updated that to map 65118.

After their meeting was over (and the LA County Redistricting was still going on around 10:30 pm, I was called regarding a new issue that I wish I had been aware of last night during your meeting. I contacted your staff at that time or before your meeting.

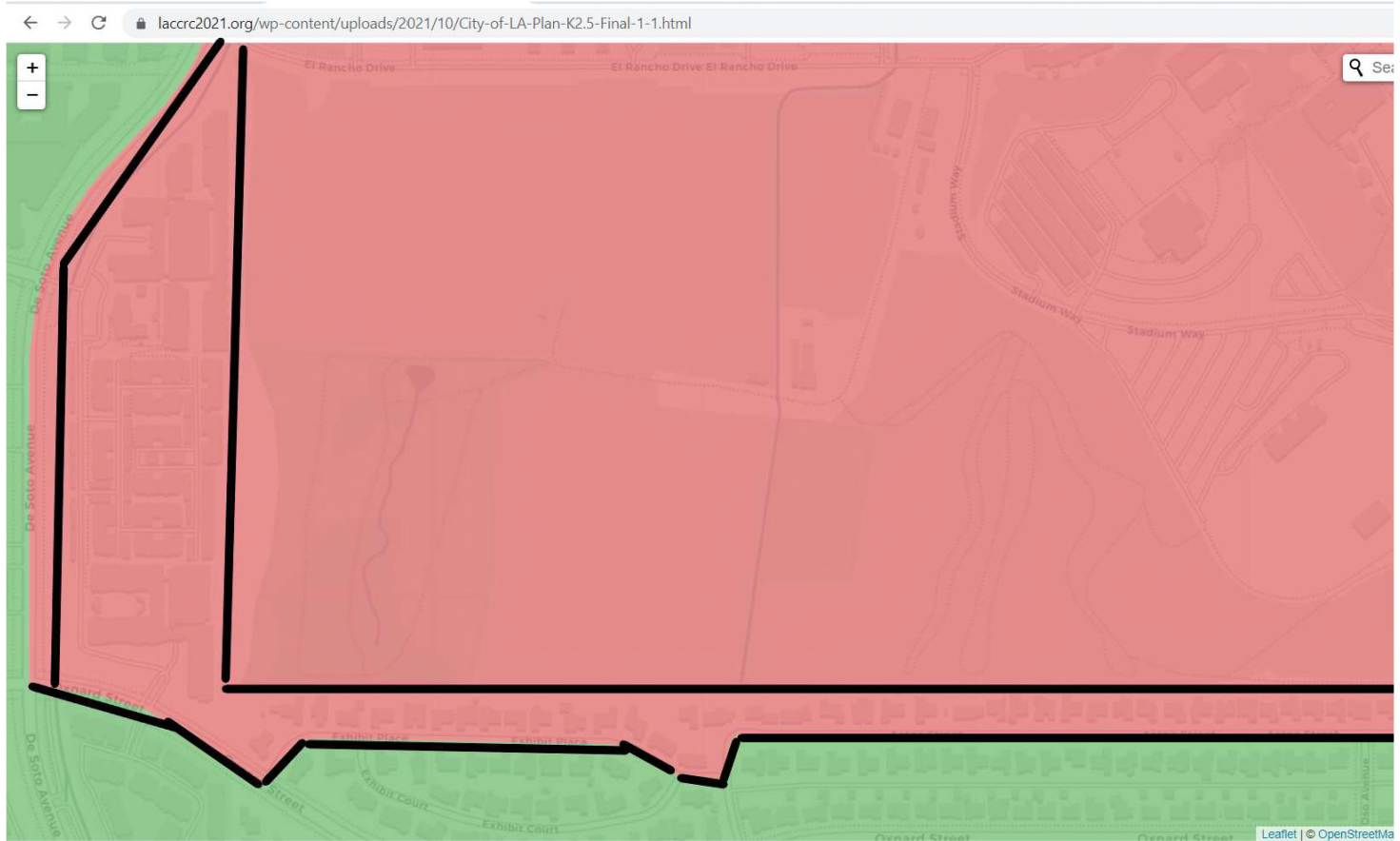
Not only was Aetna Street and Exhibit Place on the north side of the street captured with Pierce College, but the Bella Vista Apartments were captured as well.

I told these two people - this was a conference call - both are engaged in their community as current or former Neighborhood Council members, that I would reach out to you about this error.



I have tried to draw a line to show on Aetna and Exhibit Place the houses that were captured on your interactive link at the top of this page. You will see to the left the apartment complex on C. It is difficult to draw curvy lines with the Paint tool that I am using.

I know that you no longer can change any maps. However, I would hope that either Executive Director Cardenas, Chair Ali, or even Commissioner Cagna could bring to the attention of the Mr Council that these errors were made inadvertently by your contractor and his staff.

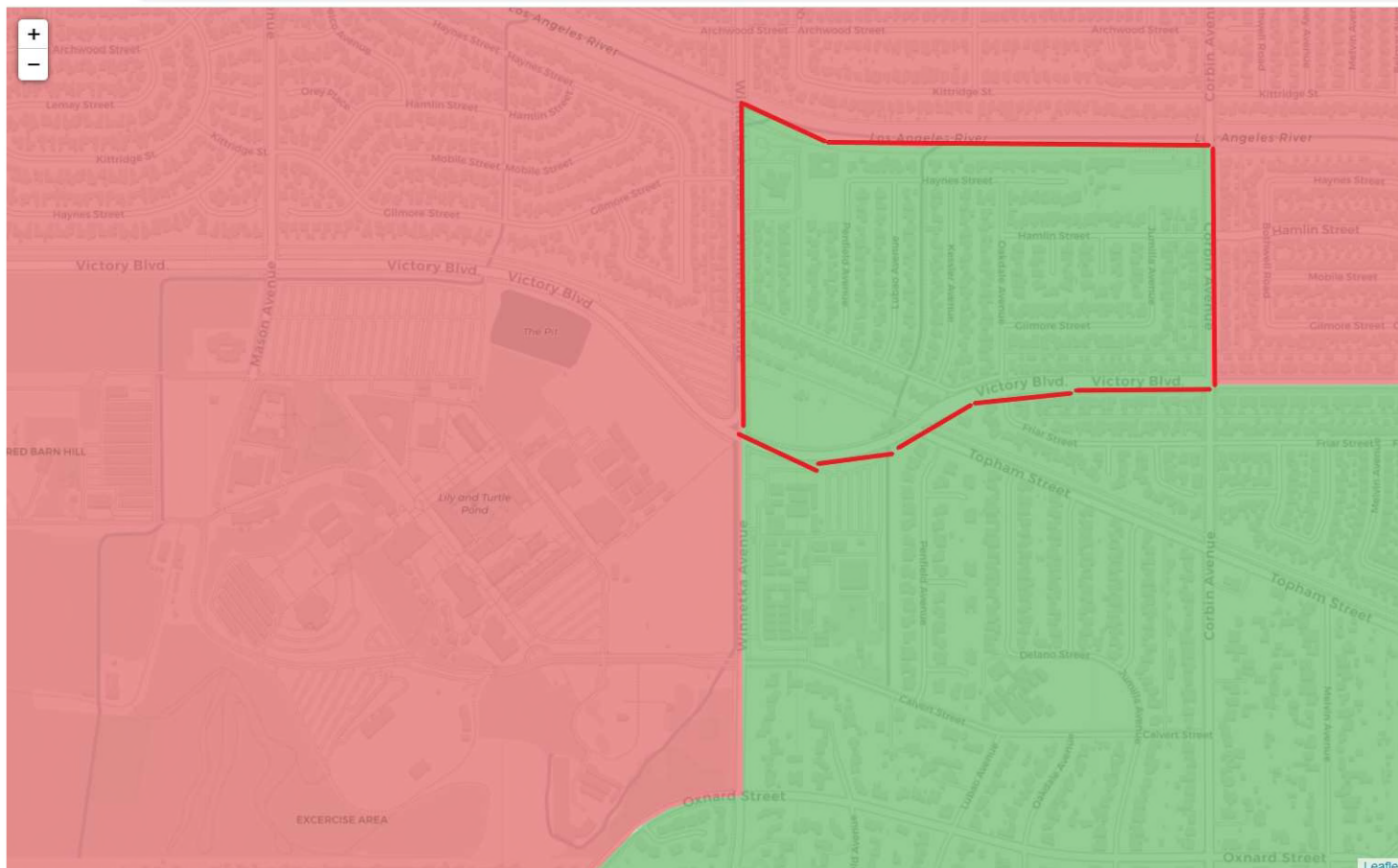


This is the figure as a screen shot on your map which could have allowed the contractor to assume that the apartments to the left were a part of the Pierce campus. I was given a suggestion that you could move forward as well.

If there is any kind of population deviation to move those homes and apartments back into Council District 3 (in the Staff Report) or an Addendum, you could make this suggestion according to a Neighborhood Council member.

You have taken a northern portion of Woodland Hills Warner Center, Tarzana, and Encino and moved them into the proposed CD 4 or 2.

In exchange for moving the above population back into Woodland Hills, maybe you could move (the City Council would have to do it) the homes north of Victory between Winnetka and Corbin I am only the messenger.



If you notice, you have taken Pierce and moved it to the north to the left in red. But that has created a gap where you have CD 3 in green between Victory where I tried to show a dashed line that line to match the line at Victory and Corbin to the east.

Now my Thanks:

I would like to thank Commissioner Cagna again for even mentioning me in the course of your final meeting. And I want to especially thank Executive Director for his kind words about me being am not sure if I heard that correctly - I will have to go back to the video.

Commissioner Ali - I respect your calm in the midst of the ongoing storms whether the storms were within the Commissioners or from external comments. You did a wonderful job of running a particularly at the end when new members were introduced who had not been engaged in the process as long as most of the other Commissioners.

I would like to thank Executive Director Cardenas - No one could ever question the integrity of why you drew the map as you did. I do the exact same thing when I draw maps for the San Fern and I move east. The only difference is that I know the community plans and I know my community. I believe that you had drawn that map based on testimony from the Jewish Federation or the Jewish population along Ventura Blvd. Ironically two things that were never mentioned except by the Federation was the Jewish population and their "assets" in West Hills as well as the local Aged is located. If you had been aware of that, maybe you would have divided the boundaries more south to north in blocks rather than west to east. If you had done that, you would have retained my opinion, and you would have been less likely to have the Valley portion of the map redrawn by the City Council.

Honorable Commissioners

Last night you heard from some of the same Neighborhood Councils - the ones that were happy with how you drew the maps in the 5th District and elsewhere. Then you heard from some of the members who have submitted Community Impact Statements but had nothing really new to say.

I want to thank all of the Commissioners and staff - It is clear that some of you were putting in seven days a week to achieve this deadline.

I want to make sure that you recommend Redistricting Partners for the future. It was fantastic that we could see the impact of a requested change by a member of the public in real time, and I communities. However, I would recommend that the maps in the future not be color coated as they are shown because it prevents seeing the homes, seeing what is called the assets whether

Integrity is an important trait. I saw it on display in this process. I tell people when I am gone that is one thing I want to be remembered for is my integrity.

In conclusion - I have spent the past two days attending the hearings for the State of California on the Assembly and the Congressional maps. Because of my involvement in your Commission I dedicate to their meetings. Now I have to weigh in on their maps. I highly recommend that each of you look at their maps and weigh in with your knowledge of your communities.

And one thing I have wanted to say - I wish that Commissioner Alexandra Suh had remained involved in this process. There was no better advocate for the AAPI community in my opinion. She whole and to keep the other AAPI members whole as well. And she appeared to be aware of maps that other Commissioners had not seen. She was sorely missed when she was gone. I hope her.

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

With Tremendous Respect,

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 1:40 PM

Ms. Rowe,

Thank you so much for bringing this to our attention. Would the following description of the correction to be made during the City Council process suffice from your view? Along with the graphic you provided below.

"The Recommended Plan's Map for CD 4-or-2 has an error along the western and southern boundary of Pierce College, that must be corrected as follows: the northern side of Exhibit Place and Aetna Place and the Bella Vista Apartments to the west of Pierce College and the east of De Soto Ave. should be moved from CD 4-or-2 to CD 3."



Frank Cardenas
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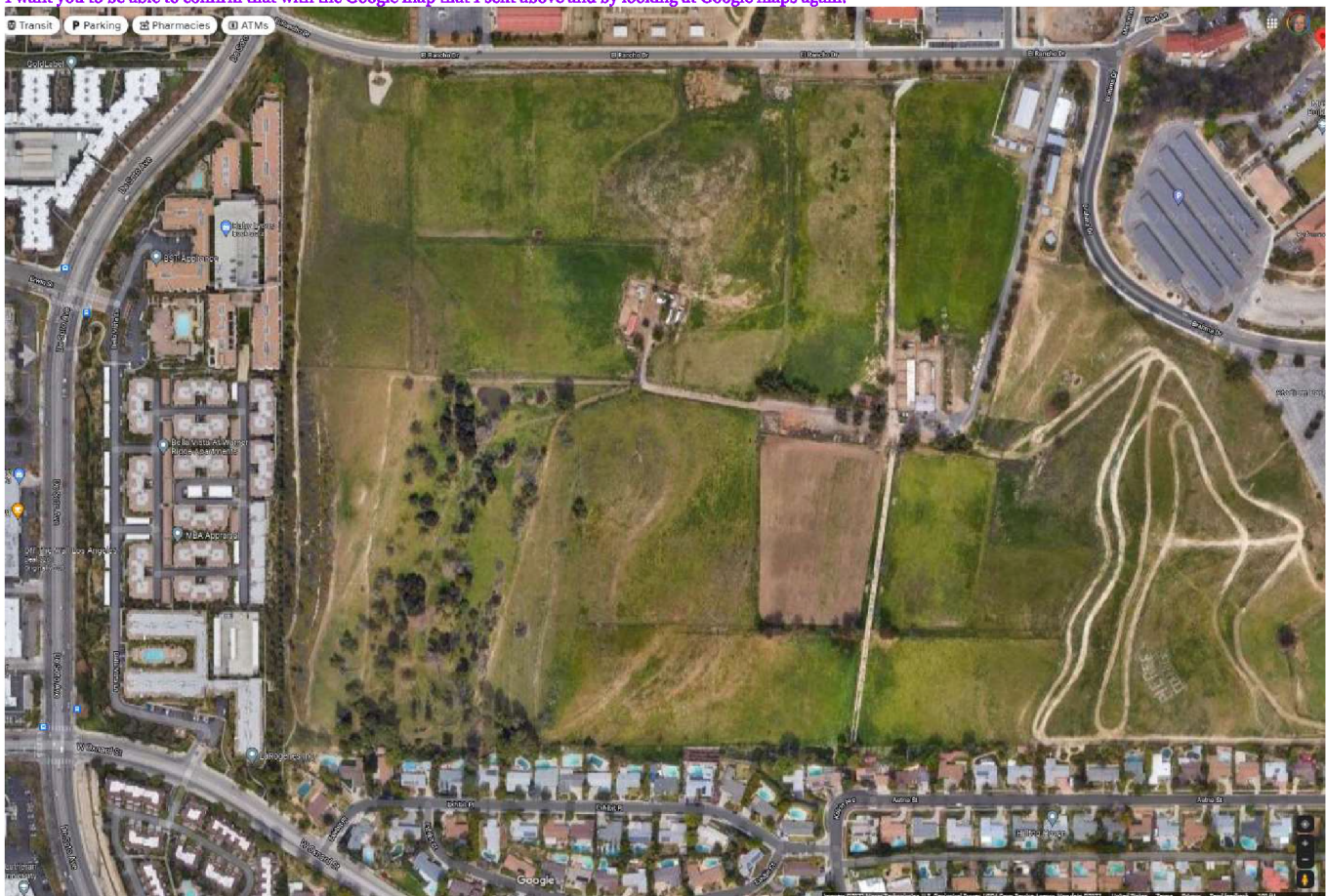
Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 2:15 PM

Director Cardenas,

I am honored that you have not only read my communication to you, but that you understand it. Yes, I support this statement:

"The Recommended Plan's Map for CD 4-or-2 has an error along the western and southern boundary of Pierce College, that must be corrected as follows: the northern side of Exhibit Place and Aetna Place and the Bella Vista Apartments to the west of Pierce College and the east of De Soto Ave. should be moved from CD 4-or-2 to CD 3."

I want you to be able to confirm that with the Google map that I sent above and by looking at Google maps again.



This screen shot shows the western boundary more. I would add to that description Bella Vista apartments and any other residential commercial east of DeSoto between Oxnard and El Rancho Road to the north of the image above. El Rancho Road is the western entrance into Pierce College. The structures you see north of El Rancho are the stables and the former veterinary medicine building. I did draw an outline on your map and the Google map to show those homes on Aetna and Exhibit as well as the apartments. I added the qualifier in case any of those apartments are not a part of the Bella Vista complex which is seen on Google maps, but it is not clear if some of the older buildings to the north are Bella Vista.

Thank you all so much!

With great respect and honor of your consideration.

Chris Rowe

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 2:43 PM

Frank -

To clarify, that was NOT the recommendation I discussed last night. My recommendation was:

"The Recommended Plan's Map for CD 4-or-2 has an error along the southern boundary of Pierce College, that must be corrected as follows: the northern side of Exhibit Place and Aetna Place. should be moved from CD 4-or-2 to CD 3."

I did not discuss, and do support, the movement along the Western border.

If the recommended plan is to move both the Southern and Western boundary, then I withdraw my recommendation and ask that it be withdrawn from consideration as I oppose the movement of the Western border.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Denis

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 2:52 PM

Frank -

My tone in the last letter was directed to Ms. Rowe, as she was not properly characterizing my recommendation but using it as an opening for her opinion. My recommendation for moving Aetna and Exhibit is it would split a neighborhood down the middle of a street and seemed unfair; Belle Vista Apartments on the West however is self-contained and quite populous, and would not have the same impact of splitting a community in the middle that Aetna and Exhibit did.

Kind Regards,

Denis

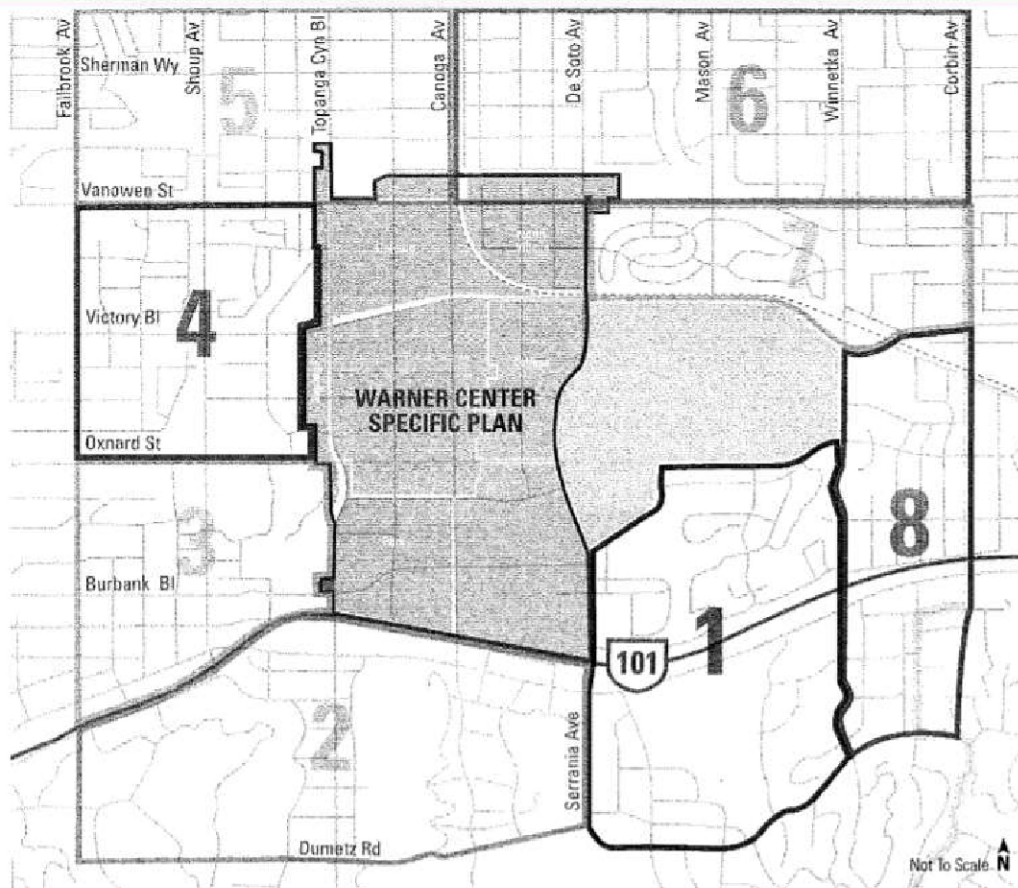
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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 3:13 PM

Commissioner Cagna,

Did you realize that apartments got taken when you asked for the college to be moved as an asset to the northern district? These are not Pierce College student housing - this is an area of apartments that are not low income. And this is Woodland Hills - not Warner Center.
The boundary of Warner Center is DeSoto Avenue to Topanga.



Map 11
Neighborhood Protection Areas
Warner Center

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Respectfully,
Chris Rowe

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 4:04 PM

Dear Ms. Rowe -

I am aware the Belle Vista apartments are a part of Warner Center. My recommendation remains to move the homes north of Aetna and Exhibit to CD3. It is not to move the Western boundary to DeSoto.

Kind Regards,

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 4:23 PM

Commissioner Cagna,
Point of clarification please. If you do not make it clear that you are aware of the apartments to the west of the college east of DeSoto, the Executive Director will not know the language to transmit to the City Council. I hope that you are in agreement with me that both the homes to the south, and the apartments / condos? which inadvertently got transferred should be moved back to the community of Woodland Hills which is currently numbered as District 3.
Thank you.
Respectfully,
Chris Rowe
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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 5:51 PM

Ms. Rowe -

I believe I made it very clear in the meeting last night, and in my e-mail earlier today, that I support *only* the movement of the Southern boundary to move north from Aetna and Exhibit to the the southern boundary of Pierce College, and I do not support any movement of the Western boundary, or any other movement of the CD 3 District lines. Therefore, I DO NOT agree with you.
This is what I supportL

"The Recommended Plan's Map for CD 4-or-2 has a Census block adjustment along the southern boundary of Pierce College, whereby it is requested that the CD 3 district line be moved North from the existing line along the middle of Exhibit Place and Aetna Place up approximately 100 feet to align with the southern boundary of the Pierce College campus, so that the homes on the north side of Exhibit Place and Aetna Place will be placed into CD 3."

Kind Regards,

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Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 6:16 PM

Commissioner Cagna.
Thank you for your continued response. I will reiterate to you, and to the City Council, that the motion was the assets of Pierce College - never a census tract to the best of my understanding.
I went in to look for last night's video during the middle of the night when I was writing to all of you. It was not posted yet.
I went to the previous meeting's video, and I started to look at the audio translation. It made me burst out laughing.
I tried to copy and paste it into the email to respond to all of the Commissioners that you find another way to translate the audio for your meetings. I have run into this at the Neighborhood Council level as well.
This is the link to the one that I was watching. Just scroll down through the translation, and I hope that it gives all of you a smile.
But my point is - the audio translation is not accurate.
There are spaces below this translation that I cannot move up.
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Respectfully,
Chris Rowe

Arianna Jukes

00:01:44

hi everyone, before we begin, we will introduce our language interpreters for today, we have Spanish Korean to garlic Armenian Mandarin and Cantonese with us and with that i'm going to hand it over to Javier to do a quick introduction.



Spanish 1

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Would evening everyone, I am

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announcement in Spanish, and
then the other interpreters are
going to offer the same in the
other languages when i'm not
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