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Public Input Hearing - Saturday, April 30, 2011
City of San Fernando City Hall – Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street - San Fernando, CA 91340
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Introduction:

Good afternoon, my name is Jim Hensley;

I reside at [REDACTED] Port Hueneme, CA.

- Which thankfully because of the drop in prices, I managed to purchase my home in a Senior Community of Hueneme Bay using the GI Bill with nothing down.
- I am a retired MSGT, serving honorably more than 20 years in the USA and USAF.
- I am the immediate past Vice President of the Channel Islands Beach Community Service District. Though I had to forgo my elected seat when I moved to Port Hueneme.
- I'm a dedicated community activist working with organizations such as:
 - The Sierra Club
 - Ventura Coast Keepers/Wishtoyo Foundation
 - Coastal Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
 - “CAUSE” and numerous others civic groups



VENTURA COUNTY Redistricting Geographical &
Demographic needs serious consideration

Many suggest that parts of ~~South~~-East Ventura County are more related to the Northern Los Angeles County, than ~~North~~ West Ventura County:

The Conejo Valley is a community of interest and geographic entity that exists in both Los Angeles and Ventura County.

- Thousand Oaks, Calabasas,
- Westlake, and
- Agoura Hills share geography: starting at the Conejo grade and moving towards the 405 down the 101 corridor.

A quick review of their population, real estate and city services show how “*in a sense*” this all a SINGLE related group of communities. For example:

- The City of Thousand Oaks contracts for its animal control services with Los Angeles County not Ventura County.

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- In fire and police services Western Ventura County has Automatic Aid Agreements with the city of and County of Los Angeles to provide first in service to much of the community.
- Both Agoura High School and Calabasas High School are in the CIF Southern Section's Mira Monte League with Thousand Oaks High School.
- These cities are served by the Thousand Oaks Transit system and senior dial-a-ride.
- The mean Home prices in all of these communities is over \$600,000

The California Real Estate Guide defines the Conejo Valley real estate market as containing the following communities! These contiguous areas of are, as a group the most expensive in the region.

- Agoura Hills,
- Oak Park,
- Westlake Village,
- Lake Sherwood,
- North Ranch,
- Thousand Oaks,
- Newbury Park Valley

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The Santa Monica Mountains National Park forms the southern boundary of the Conejo Valley and all of the cities in this valley both Ventura and Los Angeles County share road access to the great natural resources.

So to summarize:

The Conejo Valley contains cities in both Ventura and Los Angeles Counties: Is its own “Community of Interest” for a number of reasons.

- It’s history,
- its planned development,
- it’s infrastructure,
- Transportation systems and U.S. Highway 101,
- public safety mutual aid,
- it’s newspapers and cable systems,
- it’s cultural events,
- it’s high school sports,
- its commuter patterns,
- it’s common boundary with the Santa Monica Mountains National Park

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- Based on these demographic and geographic facts I and others urge this distinguished commission to consider redistricting starting at the Conejo Valley from Conejo grade and moving towards the 405 down the 101 corridor.

Again please consider that

- Thousand Oaks, Calabasas,
- Westlake, and
- Agoura Hills share the same geography and demographics :

Cordially submitted

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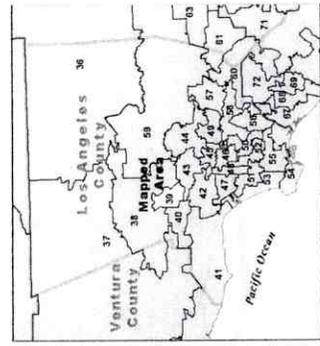
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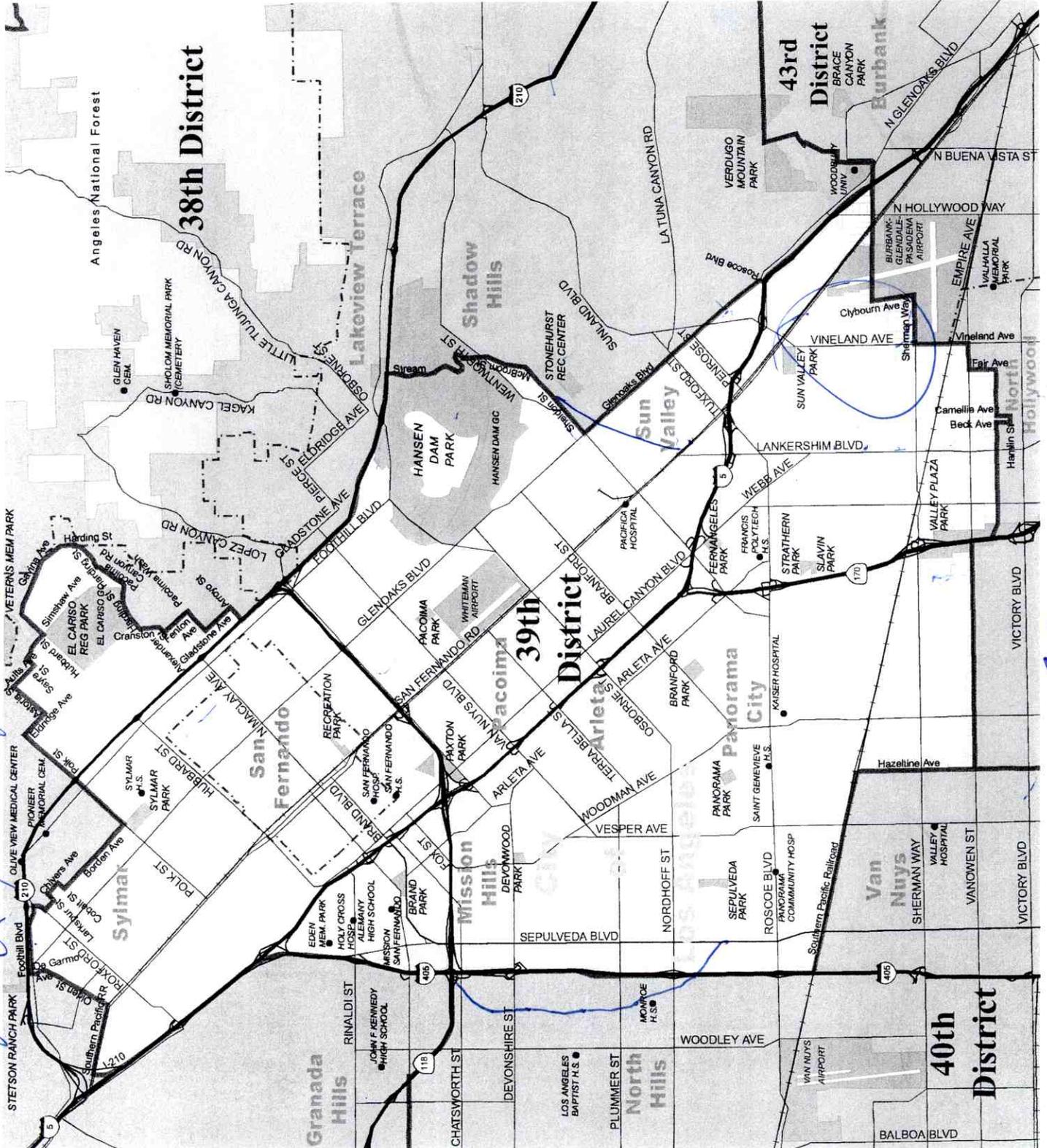
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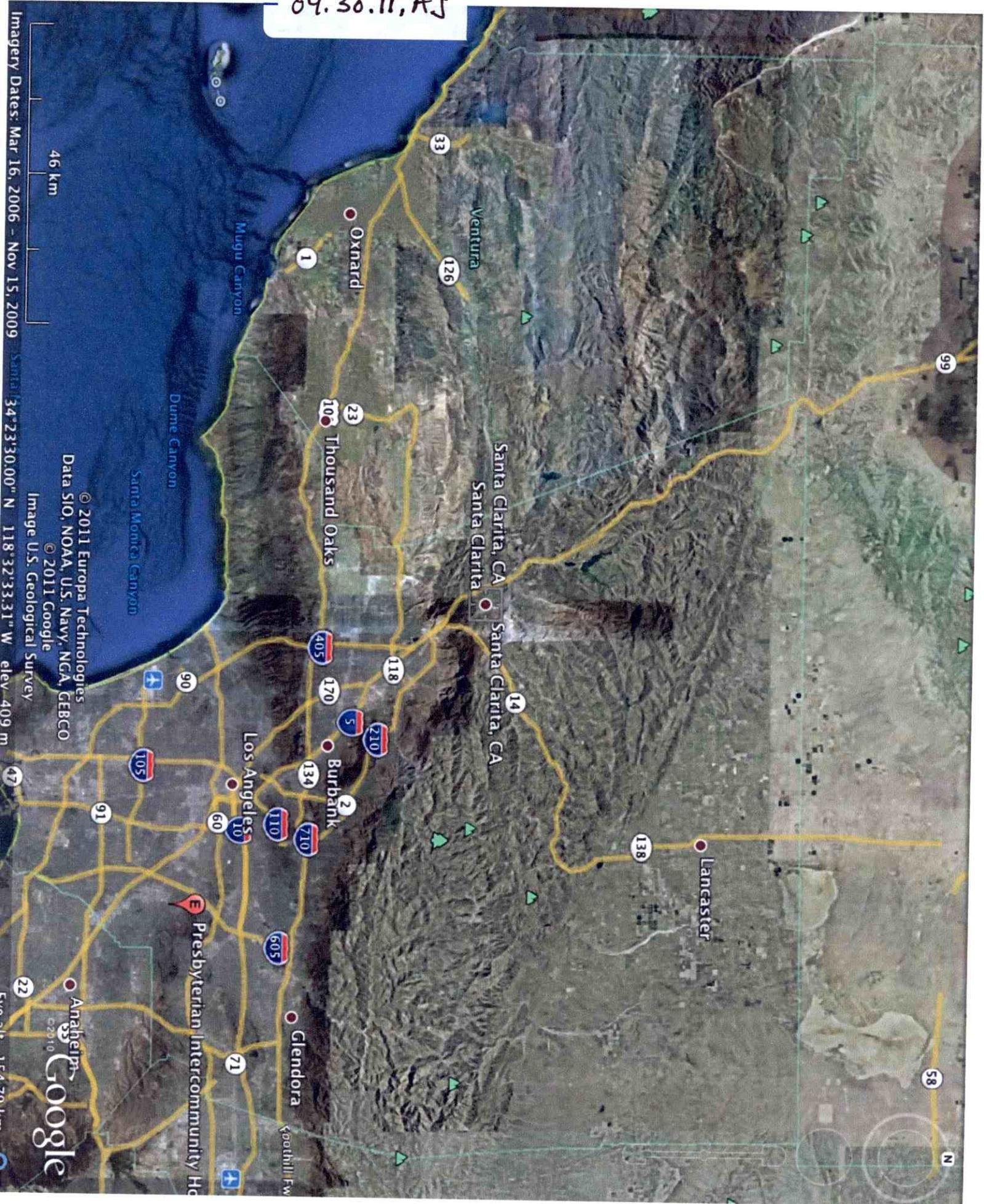
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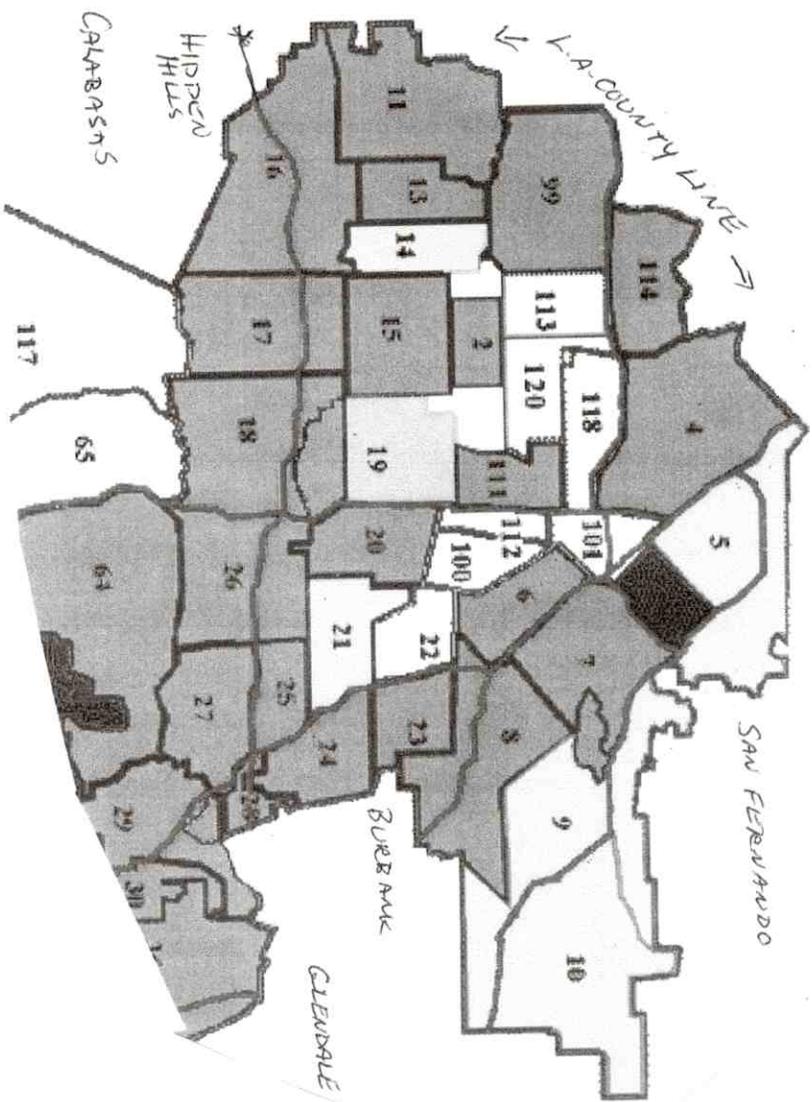
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The Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley are listed here. The blank areas on the map to west, northeast and east represent the incorporated cities of Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Burbank, Glendale and San Fernando. Their populations are still Valley populations.

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Order of Certification (Corres. To Map)	Neighborhood Council Communities	Region
NCS South of Mulholland Highway		
6	Arlota	East Valley
9	Foothill Trails	East Valley
24	Mid-Town North Hollywood	East Valley
101	Mission Hills	East Valley
22	NoHo West (North Hollywood)	East Valley
112	North Hills East	East Valley
23	North Hollywood North East	East Valley
7	Pacoima	East Valley
100	Parorama City	East Valley
26	Sherman Oaks	East Valley
27	Studio City	East Valley
8	Sun Valley	East Valley
10	Sunland-Tujunga	East Valley
5	Sylmar	East Valley
21	Valley Glen	East Valley
25	Valley Village (North Hollywood)	East Valley
20	Van Nuys	East Valley
13	Canoga Park	West Valley
99	Chatsworth	West Valley
18	Encino Community	West Valley
4	Granada Hills	West Valley
118	Granada Hills South	West Valley
111	North Hills	West Valley
2	Northridge Community (old)	West Valley
120	Northridge East	West Valley
113	Northridge West	West Valley
114	Porter Ranch	West Valley
15	Reseda	West Valley
17	Tarzana	West Valley
11	West Hills	West Valley
19	West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa	West Valley
14	Winnetka	West Valley
16	Woodland Hills-Warner Center	West Valley
Non-Valley Areas shown on map - South of Mulholland Highway		
64	Bel Air - Beverly Crest	Over the hill
65	Brentwood	Over the hill
117	Pacific Palisades	Over the hill



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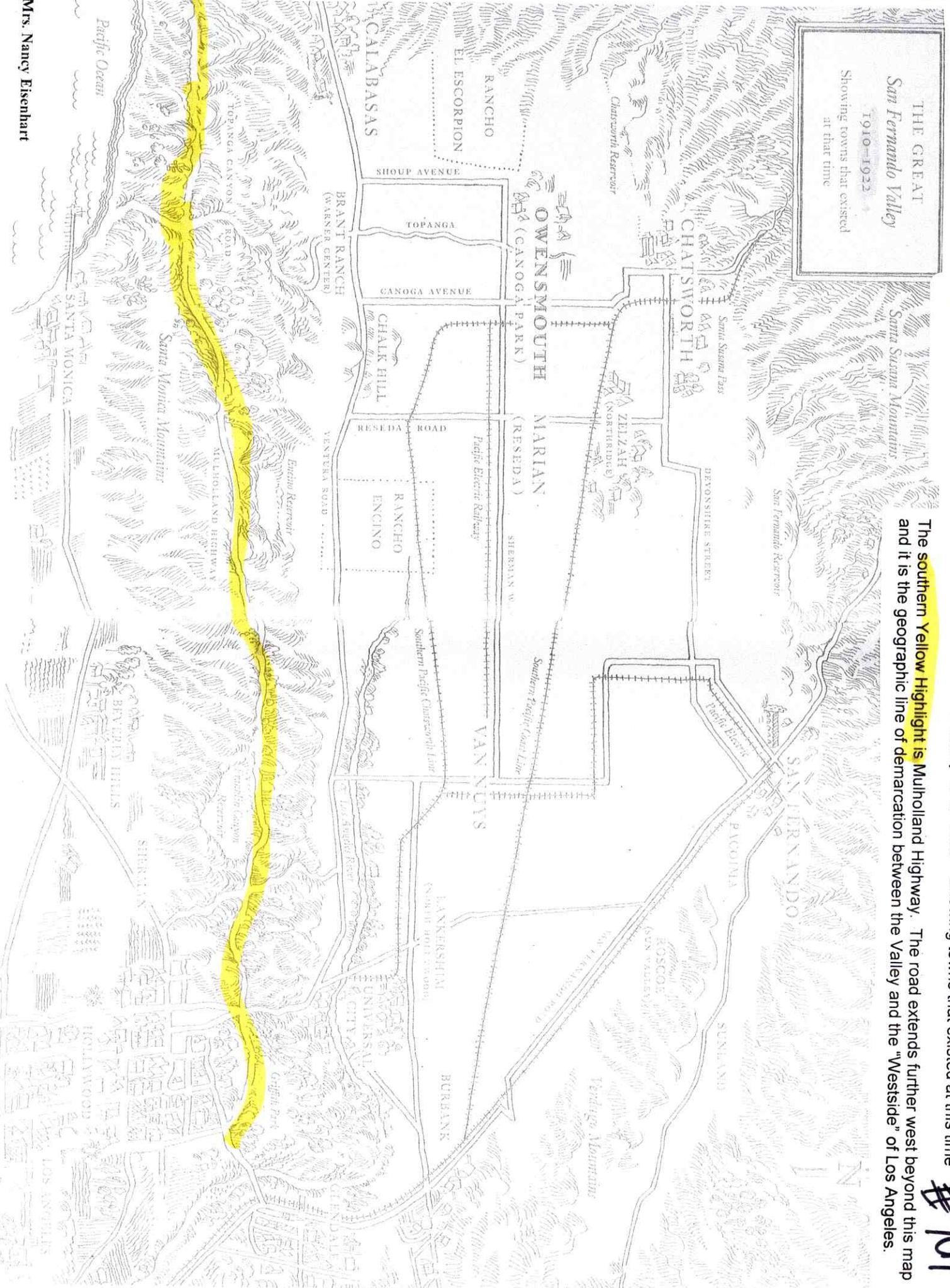
THE GREAT
San Fernando Valley

1910-1922
Showing towns that existed
at that time

The GREAT San Fernando Valley 1910-1922 - Showing towns that existed at this time

The southern Yellow Highlight is Mulholland Highway. The road extends further west beyond this map and it is the geographic line of demarcation between the Valley and the "Westside" of Los Angeles.

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Mrs. Nancy Eisenhart

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**COALITION FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE SANTA MONICA
MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY OF INTEREST**

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Honorable Commissioners:

The COALITION FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS represents a wide variety of homeowners and community leaders who share the community of interest in the Santa Monica Mountains, and who believe this community of interest shouldn't be fragmented in the representation process, particularly with respect to Senate districts.

We believe that the Supreme Court drawn 1991 district lines represent the community of interest that should be implemented by the Citizens Redistricting Commission, especially with respect to the 23rd Senate District which, in that reapportionment, most fairly kept together the various communities vitally affected by the Santa Monica Mountains.

- In 1976 the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Act was passed, that law recognized that "the Santa Monica Mountains Zone . . . is a unique and valuable economic, environmental, agricultural, scientific, educational, and recreational resource which should be held in trust for present and future generations . . . that it provides essential relief from the urban environment; and *that it exists as a single ecosystem in which changes that affect one part may also affect all the other parts . . .*"

- The Santa Monica Mountains are a major and significant natural landmark that residents have in common on both sides of the mountains. San Fernando Valley, Las Virgenes, Malibu and Westside residents all share this protected area of regional open space. Most of us live in the shadows of the Santa Monica Mountains. Protecting our open space, watersheds, wildlife corridors, and recreational opportunities are important to our communities. Having elected representatives that share this priority is vital to the best interests of our district.

- The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area covers nearly half of the geographic area of this district. In fact, over 50% of the SMMNRA is in public open and is owned by the National Parks, State Parks or the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. From Fryman Canyon (NPS) near Beverly Hills/Studio City to Topanga

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the geographic area of this district. In fact, over 50% of the SMMNRA is in public open and is owned by the National Parks, State Parks or the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. From Fryman Canyon (NPS) near Beverly Hills/Studio City to Topanga State Park (Woodland Hills, Pacific Palisades and Topanga) and Malibu Creek State Park (Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Malibu), and west to the County Line, are just part of 153,000 acres in the SMMNRA Recreation Area.

● Eight incorporated cities are within this common area of interest. West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village, and the westside (Bel Aire, Brentwood, Westwood, UCLA, Pacific Palisades) and valley communities (Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills and West Hills) of the City of Los Angeles. In addition large areas of Los Angeles County unincorporated communities of Topanga, Cold Creek, Monte Nido, and Malibu Lake.

● COG's (Council of Governments) recognize the unity of the Santa Monica Mountains area. The cities of Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village meet often to collaborate on the common issues facing local jurisdictions in the Santa Monica Mountains. The cities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Westside LA and Culver City are in a COG. These communities are united to the Santa Monica Mountains by transportation, land use, and recreation issues.

● The following school districts should stay together in one district. Santa Monica/Malibu USD, Beverly Hills, Las Virgenes USD (Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains) and related portions of Los Angeles USD.

● Pacific Coast Highway is vital transportation corridor for commuters, local residents and tourists. A PCH Task Force is head by the local legislators. The members also include representatives from Santa Monica, City of Los Angeles, Pacific Palisades, LA County, Malibu Sheriffs Dept, LA Police Department and the CHP.

● Pacific Ocean is a boundary area for our community from the southern limits of Santa Monica to the Ventura County Line. Santa Monica Bay is an important resource for our community. Protecting the water quality is important for our local cities, our watersheds and the millions of people who visit the area. Local groups, where many of us have served as members include Heal the Bay, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Surfrider Foundation, the Coastal Commission, local governments and Chambers of Commerce.

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● The Fire Safety Alliance unites communities on both sides of Mulholland in the vital efforts to protect against wildfire.

Transportation and traffic patterns are a major area of interest for the members of this area and unite this community of interest.

● The 101 Freeway - major transportation corridor that unites the four west Los Angeles county (Las Virgenes cities) to Woodland Hills and the San Fernando Valley for shopping and commuter purposes.

● Wilshire Corridor - active planning requires coordination with state and local official from West Hollywood west to UCLA and Santa Monica to complete the Subway to the Sea.

● Olympic, Santa Monica, Wilshire and Sunset Blvds are major east west traffic corridors uniting the cities from West Hollywood, Beverly Hills to Santa Monica, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades.

● The cross mountain canyon roads, of Kanan Raod, Malibu Canyon, Topanga, Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon and Laurel Canyon are traveled daily by people who live and work on both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains.

● I-405 - Major Transportation Corridor from the 101 Freeway to the I-10. Regional planning requires regular coordination with homeowner associations in the Valley and Westside, LA City, LA County, State, Federal transportation and elected officials. Regular planning meetings are held with all stakeholders. A new 405 lane is under construction.

For these reasons we urge you to keep the community of interest represented in the 1991 Supreme Court apportionment for the 23rd Senate District.



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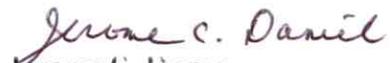
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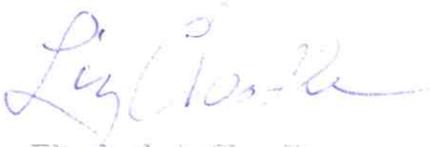
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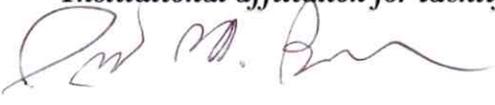
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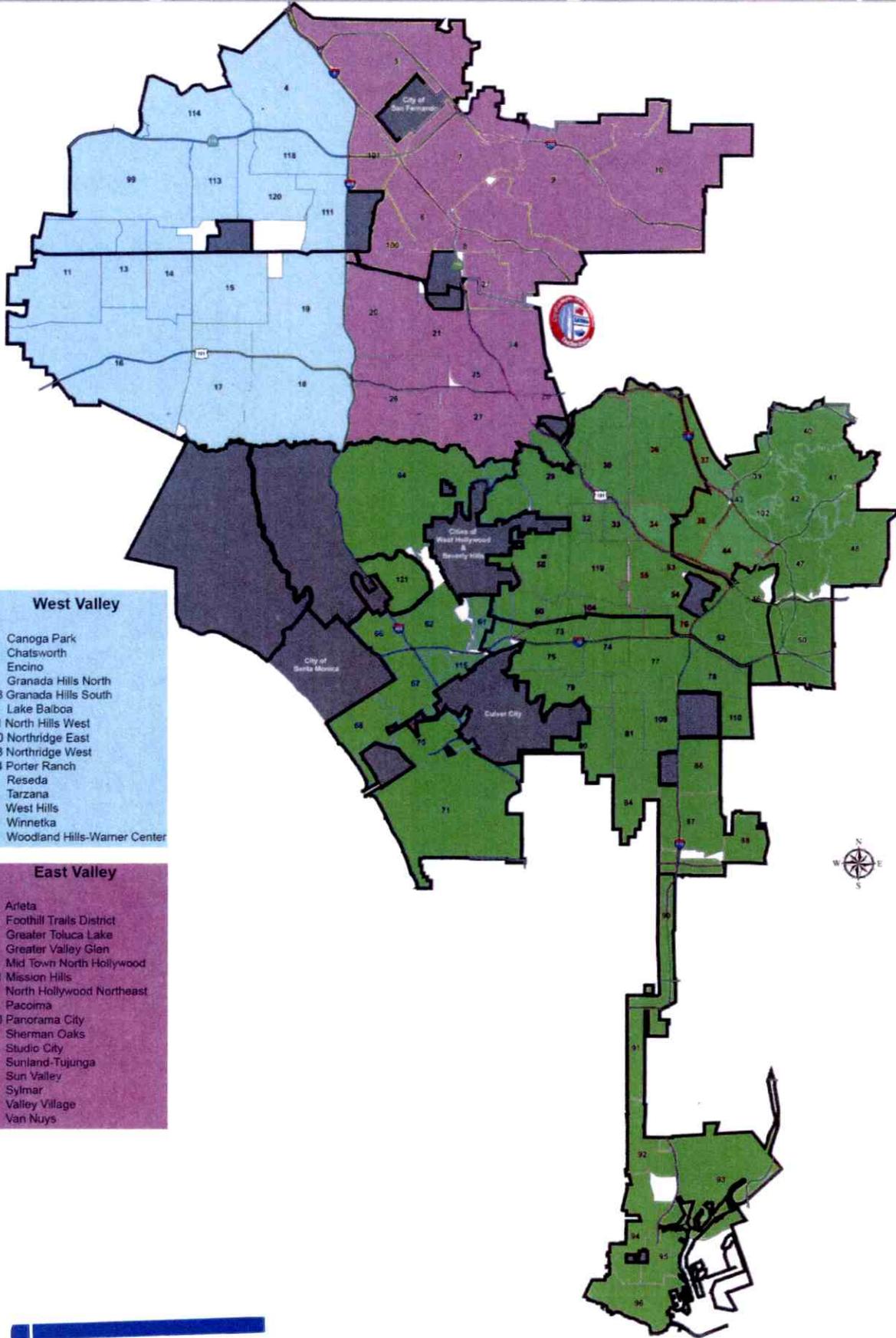

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2010 Neighborhood Council Regional Area Map



- West Valley**
- 13 Canoga Park
 - 99 Chatsworth
 - 18 Encino
 - 4 Granada Hills North
 - 118 Granada Hills South
 - 19 Lake Balboa
 - 111 North Hills West
 - 120 Northridge East
 - 113 Northridge West
 - 114 Porter Ranch
 - 15 Reseda
 - 17 Tarzana
 - 11 West Hills
 - 14 Winnetka
 - 16 Woodland Hills-Warner Center

- East Valley**
- 8 Arleta
 - 9 Foothill Trails District
 - 28 Greater Toluca Lake
 - 21 Greater Valley Glen
 - 24 Mid Town North Hollywood
 - 101 Mission Hills
 - 23 North Hollywood Northeast
 - 7 Pacoima
 - 100 Panorama City
 - 26 Sherman Oaks
 - 27 Studio City
 - 10 Sunland-Tujunga
 - 8 Sun Valley
 - 5 Sylmar
 - 25 Valley Village
 - 20 Van Nuys

*Just under
200,000
people*

*1.1
million
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