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Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: GRIFFITH PARK COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

Dear Sirs and Madams:

The Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce (AVCC) writes to urge you to keep together Griffith Park and the communities that touch it, which includes Atwater Village, in one legislative district. Currently, this one park, and sister communities that abut it, are represented by three state Assemblymembers, two state Senators, and four U.S. Congressmembers. The AVCC strongly feels that being represented by very large group of legislators often causes confusion, dilution of resources, and lack of accountability.

It is extremely important to keep Griffith Park and its sister communities in one state legislative district because Griffith Park and the adjacent Los Angeles River continually seeks state grant money and other appropriations, for which funding originates at the state level. Furthermore, the strong entertainment-industry presence in the area makes many area residents, and the local economy, dependent on the fortunes of the Entertainment Industry, which is largely regulated by the state.

Furthermore, the AVCC asks that Griffith Park and surrounding sister communities be drawn into one Assembly district (not just one Senate District). Assemblymembers, with their more manageable district sizes, are often more approachable and closer to the people they represent.

ABOUT GRIFFITH PARK & SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS

Griffith Park is the largest municipal park with "urban wilderness" in the United States. That means it is the largest expanse of public land, surrounded entirely by municipal neighborhoods, that features largely unspoiled, untouched "virgin" lands, in the entire nation. The neighborhoods surrounding Griffith Park are as follows: the City of Burbank, most notably the "Rancho" subdivision of equestrian properties in the south of the city; Universal City (including Universal Studios); and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of: the Hollywood Hills; Los Feliz; Silver Lake; and **Atwater Village**.

Furthermore, the all the communities that touch Griffith Park share many things in common, making them, together, a **community of interest**. All feature similar socio-economic qualities, similar employment patterns, trail access, park egress and park access, distinct traffic patterns, equestrian trails, equestrian-zoned properties, foothill elevation, urban watershed pathways, increased municipal fauna presence, similar crime patterns, and a similar history and outlook.

ABOUT ATWATER VILLAGE AND THE ATWATER VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Atwater Village is a Los Angeles community that lies between the Griffith Park / Los Angeles River to the west and the City of Glendale to the north and east. In addition, our neighborhood shares borders with the neighborhoods of Silver Lake to the south, Elysian Valley to the southeast, and Los Feliz and Griffith Park across the river to the west. Our specific community boundaries include by the following; to the North - 134 Freeway, to the East - Railroad tracks, to the West - 5 Freeway, and to the South - the 2 Freeway. Please see attached map.

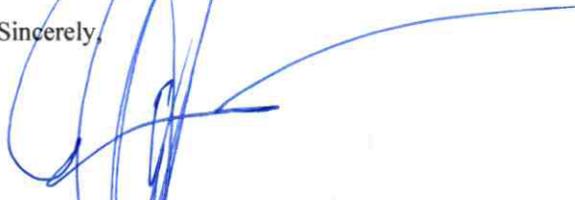
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Incorporated on March 20th, 1947 the Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest and most enduring community groups in Atwater Village. The Chamber is a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization and for over 63 years we have been dedicated to promoting civic and economic wellbeing of our community.

For these reasons and others, the communities surrounding Griffith Park, including the community of Atwater Village, should be kept in the same legislative district. It is important to keep communities that share so many unique characteristics together, to allow the businesses and residents of the local neighborhoods to petition their governments effectively on the unique concerns listed above. We thank you for your consideration of these points and concerns as you embark on drawing the lines that will affect our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

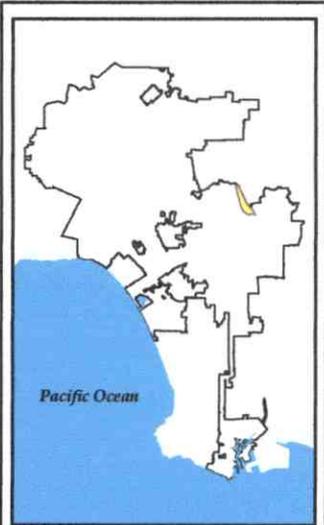
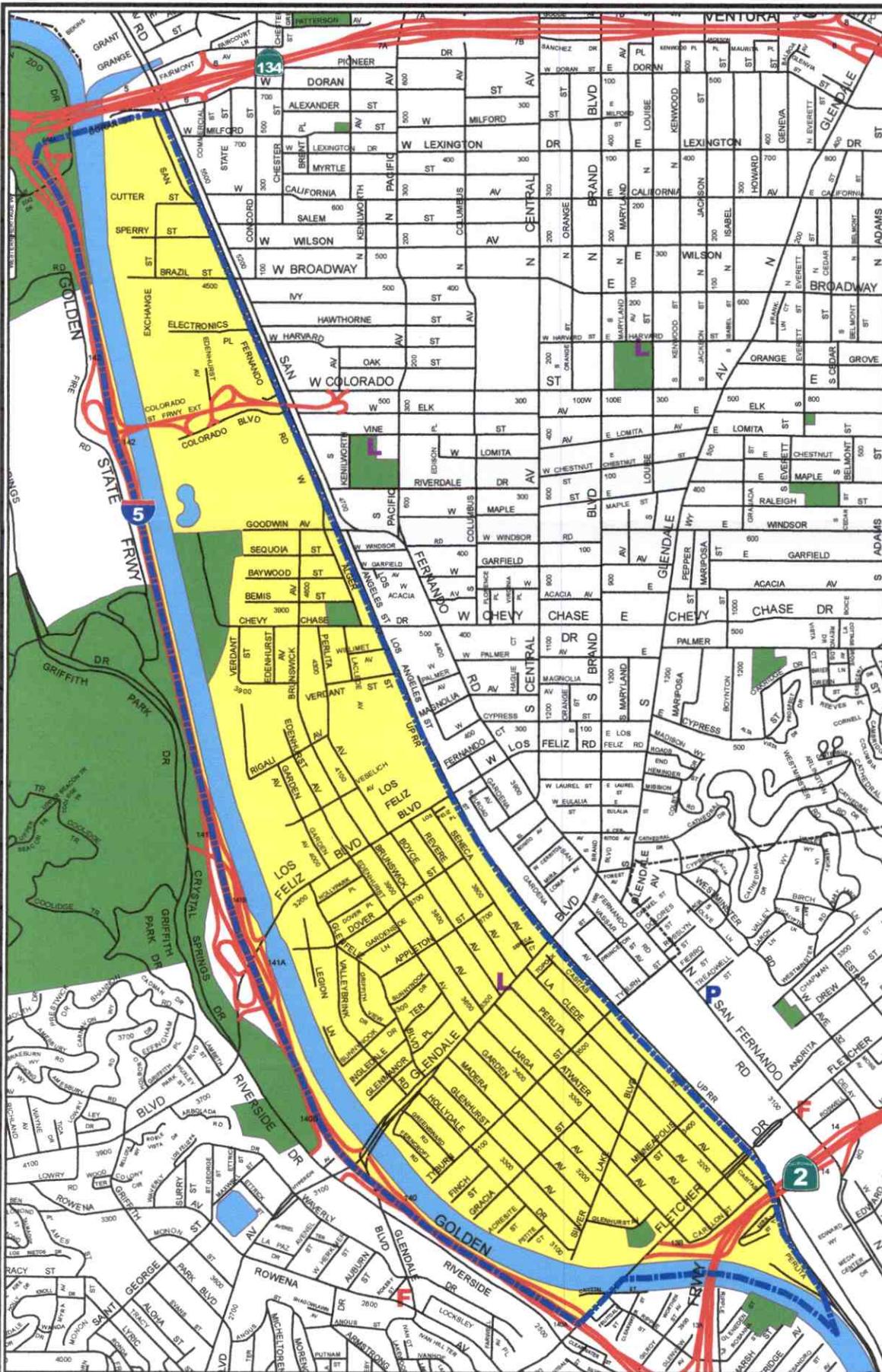


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COUNCIL DISTRICTS:
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ATWATER VILLAGE NC

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