

Subject: Public Comment: Valley Map

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Message Body:

I am writing to urge you to protect the community of interest that is the San Fernando Valley. The best way to do so would be to start with the Neighborhood Councils for the City of Los Angeles.

The Valley neighborhood councils are separated from the West L.A. neighborhood councils, such as Bel Air-Beverly Crest and Westside, by a mountain range. These West L.A. neighborhoods should not be connected with the Valley. Mulholland Drive indicates the dividing point from West L.A. to the Valley on a street map.

Within the San Fernando Valley, the 405 Freeway up north to the 5 Freeway is a good dividing point to create multiple districts within the Valley. Every neighborhood council district is either west or east of the 405 Freeway. The importance of the 405 Freeway is illustrated by the Neighborhood Councils established in the North Hills area. A separate North Hills East and North Hills West Neighborhood Council both meet separately and deal with their respective East Valley and West Valley communities.

Please respect the integrity of our communities by not splitting Neighborhood Council districts; and please try to maximize districts that are predominantly Valley. This will create compact districts that elect representatives focused on our issues.

Thank you for your service.

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