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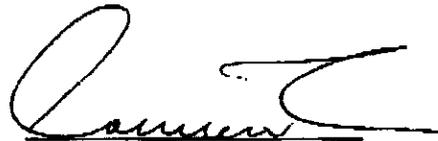
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Sincerely,



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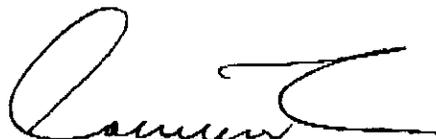
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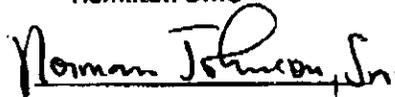
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TO: Q2, Redistricting Commission

Alternative Proposal for West LA Districts

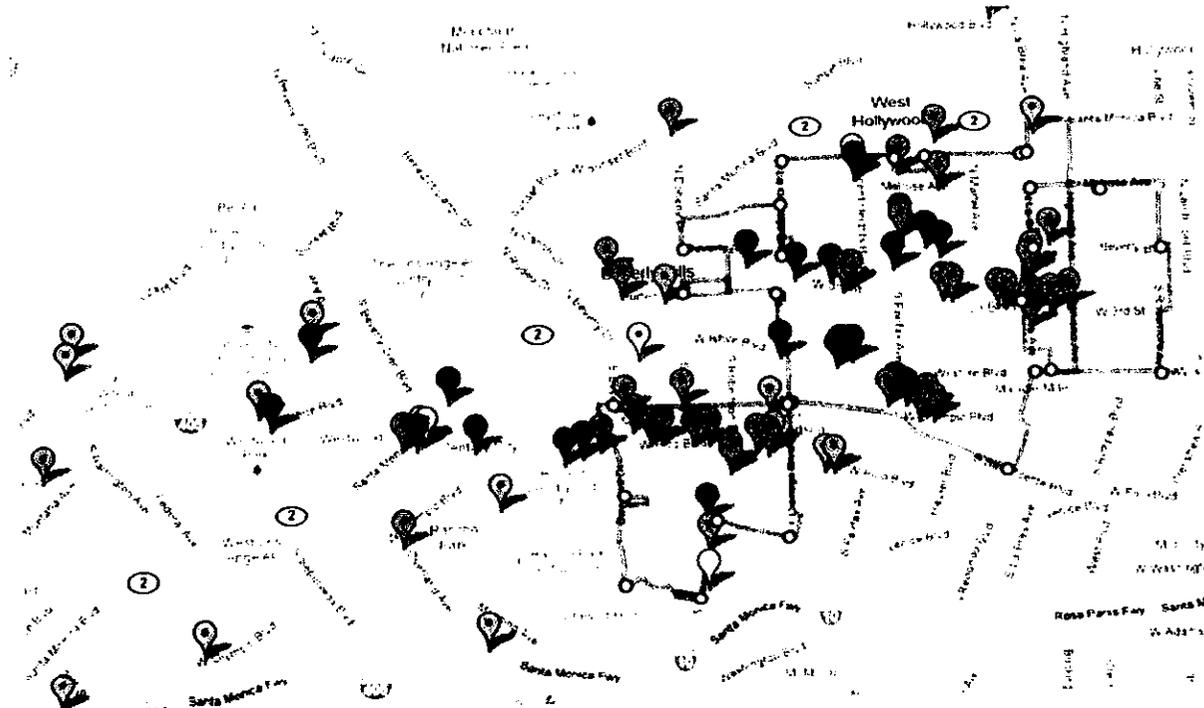
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These districts are based on the last round of visualizations, but make changes to maximize Jewish turnout in the Westside District without materially reducing nearby minority voices. Consolidates traditional West/Mid-City West Jewish communities that have been divided by redistricting in the past.

Guide to Jewish Community

Core Jewish neighborhoods -- Beverly Hills, Westwood, Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park, Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Century City, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverlywood, Pacific Palisades, Miracle Mile (North of Olympic), Park La Brea.

There are approximately 600,000 Jews in the Los Angeles area, 80,000 of which are Orthodox. There are also large Persian Jewish populations in Westwood and Beverly Hills. The core communities above are a significant sector of this population (excluding populations in the South and West San Fernando Valley)



Blue Markers – Orthodox Synagogues
Yellow Markers – Persian/Sephardic Synagogues
Red Markers – Reform/Conservative Synagogues
Green Markers – Jewish community service organizations

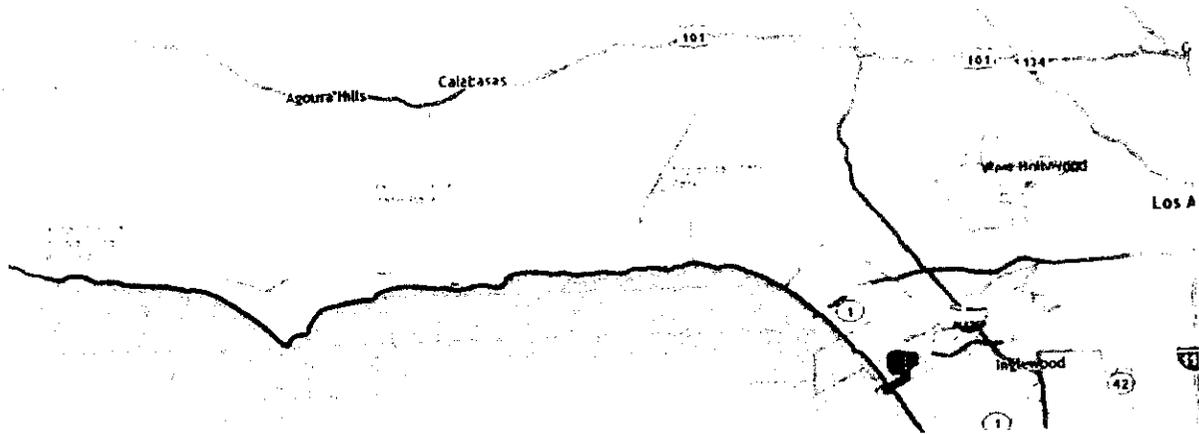
PROPOSED DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE WESTSIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Redistricting Data: LA Santa Monica Mts – West Side (LAMWS)

Agoura Hills, Malibu Hills, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Topanga, Brentwood, Bel Air, Westwood, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Hancock Park, Hollywood (part), East Hollywood (part), Westwood, Cheviot Hills, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile (part)

Loses Santa Monica, gains Pico-Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Beverlywood, Miracle Mile.

Corroborating COI Testimony: (a) Westwood-Beverly Hills unites Persian/Armenian communities. Pico-Robertson-Hancock Park-Fairfax unites Orthodox communities. (b) Santa Monica Mountains communities united, excluding Santa Monica, which also has ties to Beach areas and Calabasas. (c) Jewish community organizations tie Brentwood, Westwood, Beverly Hills, Century City, Fairfax, Park La Brea, Miracle Mile & Hancock Park (d) Miracle Mile tied to Fairfax/Hancock Park areas (same neighborhood councils).



Population

Total Population: 469,176
 0.75% variance from ideal population

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	469,176
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.75%
Original District	465,480

Citizen Voting Age Population

- 8.73% Hispanic or Latino
- 8.93% Asian
- 0.64% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 4.89% Black or African American
- 0.05% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander/Other
- 76.42% White Alone
- 0.33% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	New LAMWS	Original LAMWS
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	8.73% 29,670	8.32%

Asian	8.93% 30,354	8.59%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.64% 2,192	0.66%
Black or African American	4.89% 16,639	4.88%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.05% 185	0.08%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	76.42% 259,786	78.75%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.33% 1,115	0.32%

Ethnicity / Race

- 13.10% Hispanic or Latino
- 68.97% White alone
- 3.45% Black or African American alone
- 10.71% Asian
- 0.45% Some Other Race
- 3.31% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	13.10% 61,460	
White alone	68.97% 323,594	
Black or African American alone	3.45% 16,194	
Asian	10.71% 50,258	
Some Other Race	0.45% 2,118	
Two or More Races	3.31% 15,552	

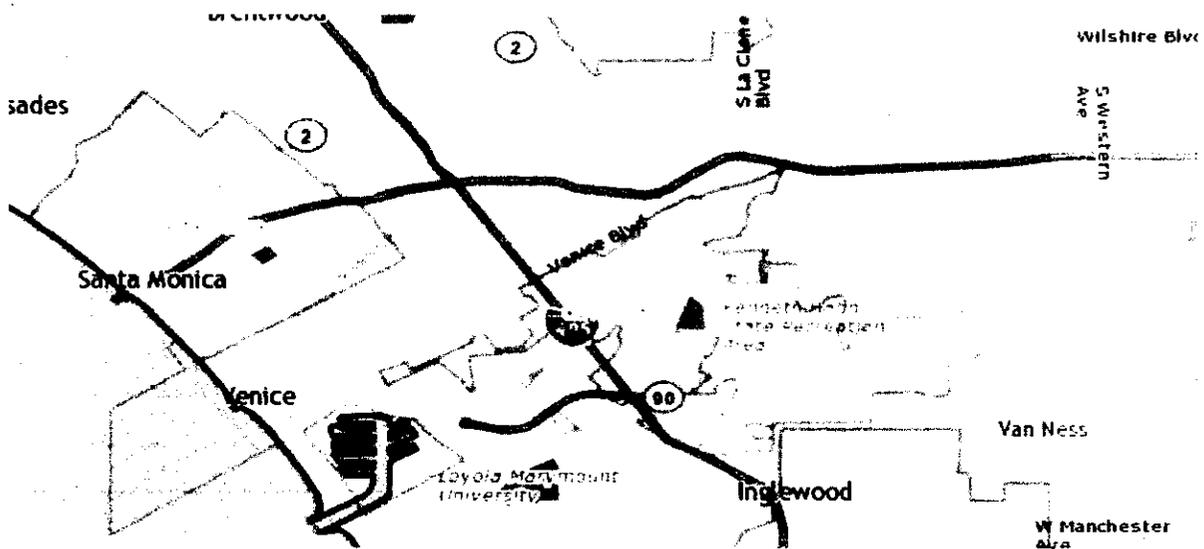
Redistricting Data: LA West - Crenshaw Culver City

Keeps south & east original lines: Mid-City, Victoria Park, Lafayette Park, Hyde Park, Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, Little Ethiopia, Culver City, Palms, West LA, Venice, Santa Monica

Loses Pico Robertson, Cheviot Hills, Miralce Mile, Century City, gains and unifies existing beach communities of West LA/Mar Vista/Palms with Venice/Santa Monica.

CVAP and population numbers do not change.

Corroborating COI testimony: ties together "beach" communities of Santa Monica, Venice, West LA with COG partner Culver City and Baldwin communities. Ties Mid-City with Baldwin communities



Population

Total Population: 468,293
 0.55% variance from ideal population

Universe: Total Population
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	468,293
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.56%
Original District	465,575

Citizen Voting Age Population

- 16.20% Hispanic or Latino
- 9.54% Asian
- 0.67% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 30.56% Black or African American
- 0.20% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 42.41% White Alone
- 0.42% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	New LAWSC	Original LAWSC
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	16.20% 49,230	16.4%
Asian	9.54% 29,000	10.17%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.67% 2,036	0.65%
Black or African American	30.56% 92,846	30.87%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.20% 597	0.16%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	42.41% 128,852	41.34%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.42% 1,274	0.41%

Ethnicity / Race

- 29.10% Hispanic or Latino
- 33.42% White alone
- 23.65% Black or African American alone
- 10.10% Asian
- 0.69% Some Other Race
- 3.05% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	My District 0	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	29.10% 136,262	
White alone	33.42% 156,492	

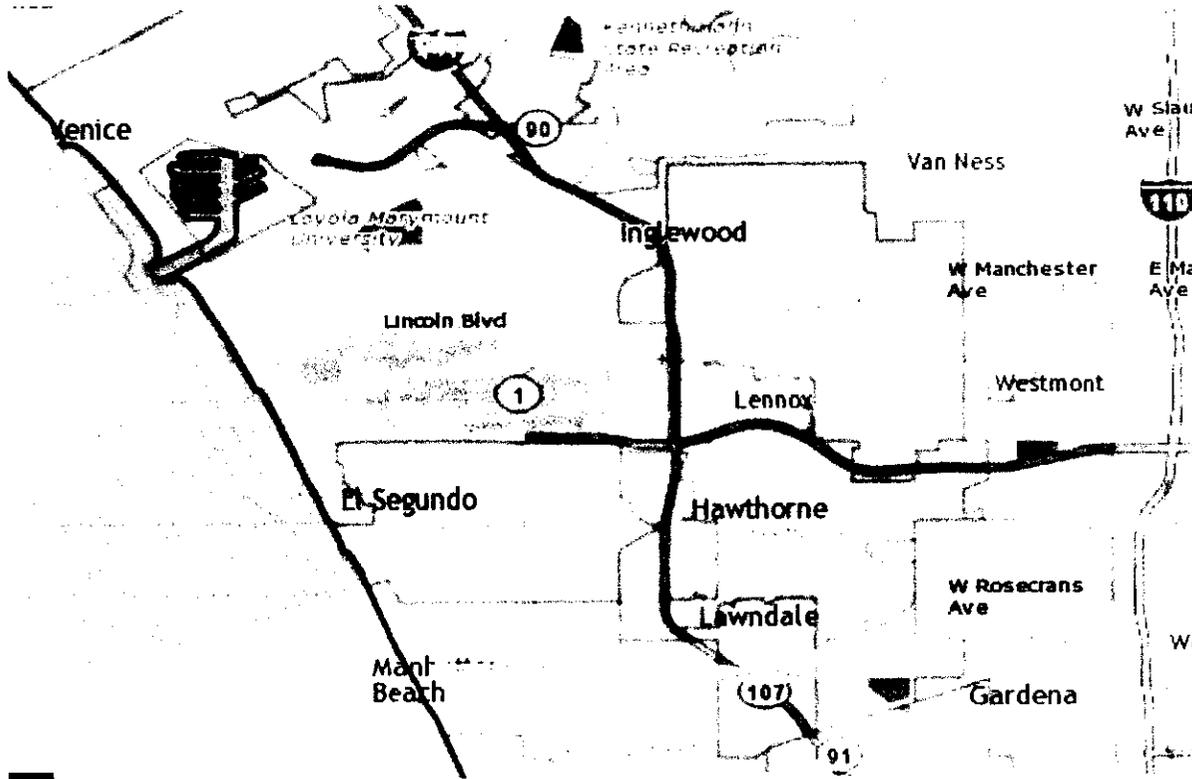
Black or African American alone	23.65% 110,743	
Asian	10.10% 47,308	
Some Other Race	0.69% 3,215	
Two or More Races	3.05% 14,273	

Redistricting Data: LA Inglewood Hawthorne Gardena (LAHIG)

Keeps original lines (Inglewood, Hawthorne, Del Aire, Gardena (part), Lennox, Westmont, Westchester, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, Del Rey, Venice (part), Mar Vista (part))

Changes: Loses most of Venice, gains parts of Del Rey

Corroborating COI Testimony -- Keeps "Airport" communities of LAX, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, El Segundo together with Inglewood, Hawthorne & Lawndale.



Population

Total Population: 468,132
 0.53% variance from ideal population

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Total Population	468,132
Ideal	465,675
Variance	0.53%

Original District	465,666
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Citizen Voting Age Population

- 27.47% Hispanic or Latino
- 7.32% Asian
- 0.73% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 32.48% Black or African American
- 0.31% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone
- 31.34% White Alone
- 0.35% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older
 Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

	NEW LAHIG	Original LAHIG
Hispanic or Latino Citizen Voting Age Population	27.47% 73,193	26.71
Asian	7.32% 19,503	6.45%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.73% 1,940	0.77%
Black or African American	32.48% 86,546	32.39%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	0.31% 839	0.72%
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, Citizen Voting Age Population	31.34% 83,513	32.59%
Citizen Voting Age Population Belonging to the Remainder of Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino	0.35% 922	0.37%

Ethnicity / Race

- 44.65% Hispanic or Latino
- 20.88% White alone
- 24.29% Black or African American alone
- 7.39% Asian
- 0.57% Some Other Race
- 2.26% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population
 Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
 Data Year: 2010
 Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line

	New LAHIG	Original District
Hispanic or Latino	44.65% 209,017	
White alone	20.88%	

	97,741	
Black or African American alone	24.29% 113,703	
Asian	7.35% 34,423	
Some Other Race	0.57% 2,664	
Two or More Races	2.26% 10,584	