

Subject: Pasadena COI's, Spanish Speakers, Ethnic bloc, etc

From: Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 1:19 AM

To: "[REDACTED] we draw the lines" <[REDACTED]>

Martin A. C. Enriquez*Marquez

[REDACTED]

Pasadena, CA 91106

July 15, 2011

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

Region IV, Los Angeles County:
Pasadena COI's, Spanish Speakers, Ethnic bloc, etc

Attention: Jeanne Raya & Connie Galambos Malloy

Dear Honorable Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

They following persons have the following COI's in common:

- 330 Juliana Onate, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD
- 329 Ruben Enriquez, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD
- 328 Maria M Enriquez, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD
- 327 Angelina Enriquez, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD
- 326 Veronica Onate, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD

- 1) City of Pasadena,
- 2) Jefferson Elementary School in Pasadena Unified School District
1500 East Villa Street Grades: K-5
Pasadena, CA 91106 Enrollment: 638

<http://www.axiomadvisors.net/liveSARC/Presentation/SARCIndex.aspx?DistrictID=1964881>

Student Enrollment by Ethnic Group (As of: 2009-10)
Hispanic or Latino 84.0 [Eighty-four percent]

<http://www.axiomadvisors.net/livesarc/presentation/executivesummary.aspx?CDS=19648816021638&LanguageID=1>

- 4) Pasadena City College &
- 5) Zip Code 91106

Enclosed is a MAP for the boundaries of the ALL the Elementary Schools in Pasadena Unified School District. As published by Pasadena Unified School District on December, 2010.

Each Elementary School is its own COI at the most fundamental level: the neighborhood!

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Sincerely,

Martin A. C. Enriquez*Marquez

CC: Astrid Garcia([REDACTED])
Spanish speakers, Neighborhood School, Community College

Enclosures:

- 1) Pasadena Unified School District,

Map of Elementary School Boundaries, December 2010

2) Pasadena Area Community College District

Attachments:

325 Alex Onate, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD.pdf	402 KB
324 Jessica Onate, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD.pdf	433 KB
323 Alejandro Onate, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD.pdf	412 KB
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315 Carlos Zamora Orgaz, zip code 91106, Jefferson School, PUSD.pdf	402 KB
1. Pasadena Unified, ElementaryAttendanceAreas2011-12.pdf	1.5 MB
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NAME: Alex Oñate

ZIP CODE 91106



CITY OF RESIDENCE Pasadena

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL Marshall, Jr. Hs Jefferson

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Pasadena

COMMUNITY COLLEGE Pasadena city collage

LANGUAGE SPOKEN, GEOGRAPHY, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, PLACE OF WORSHIP, PHILOSOPHICAL, RECREATIONAL:

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NAME: Jessica Onate

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL Jefferson

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Pasadena

COMMUNITY COLLEGE Pasadena City College

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NAME: ALEJANDRO ONATE

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CITY OF RESIDENCE PASADENA

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL JEFFERSON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PASADENA

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

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SPANISH SPEAKING

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Spanish speaking

POW: Pasadena's St Philip + St Andrew
Jefferson Park

MAC "ma" Enriquez

SIGNATURE

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NAME: Carlos Zamora Orger

ZIP CODE 91106

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL Jefferson

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Pasadena

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PCC

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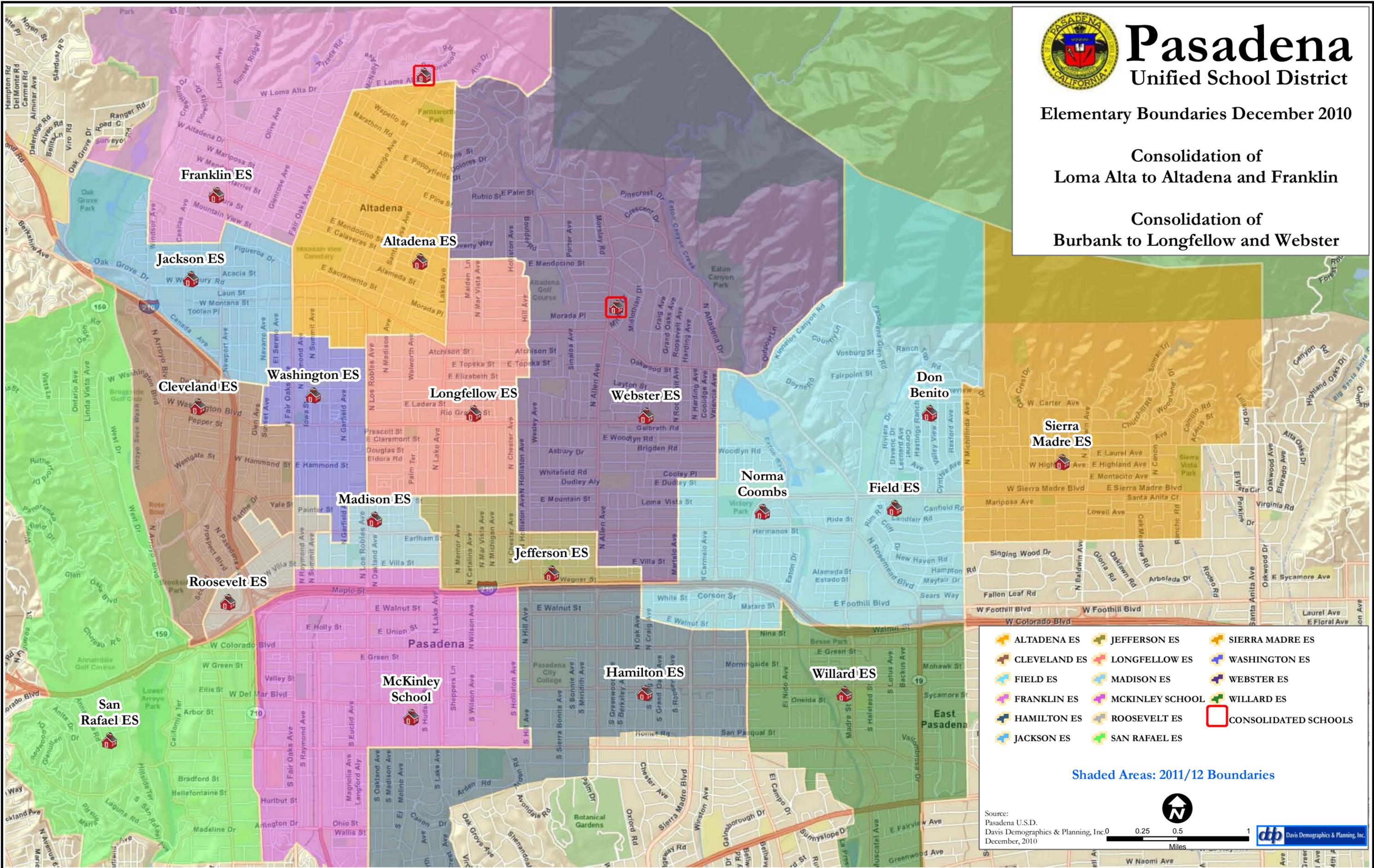


Pasadena Unified School District

Elementary Boundaries December 2010

Consolidation of
Loma Alta to Altadena and Franklin

Consolidation of
Burbank to Longfellow and Webster



- ALTADENA ES
- CLEVELAND ES
- FIELD ES
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- MADISON ES
- MCKINLEY SCHOOL
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Shaded Areas: 2011/12 Boundaries

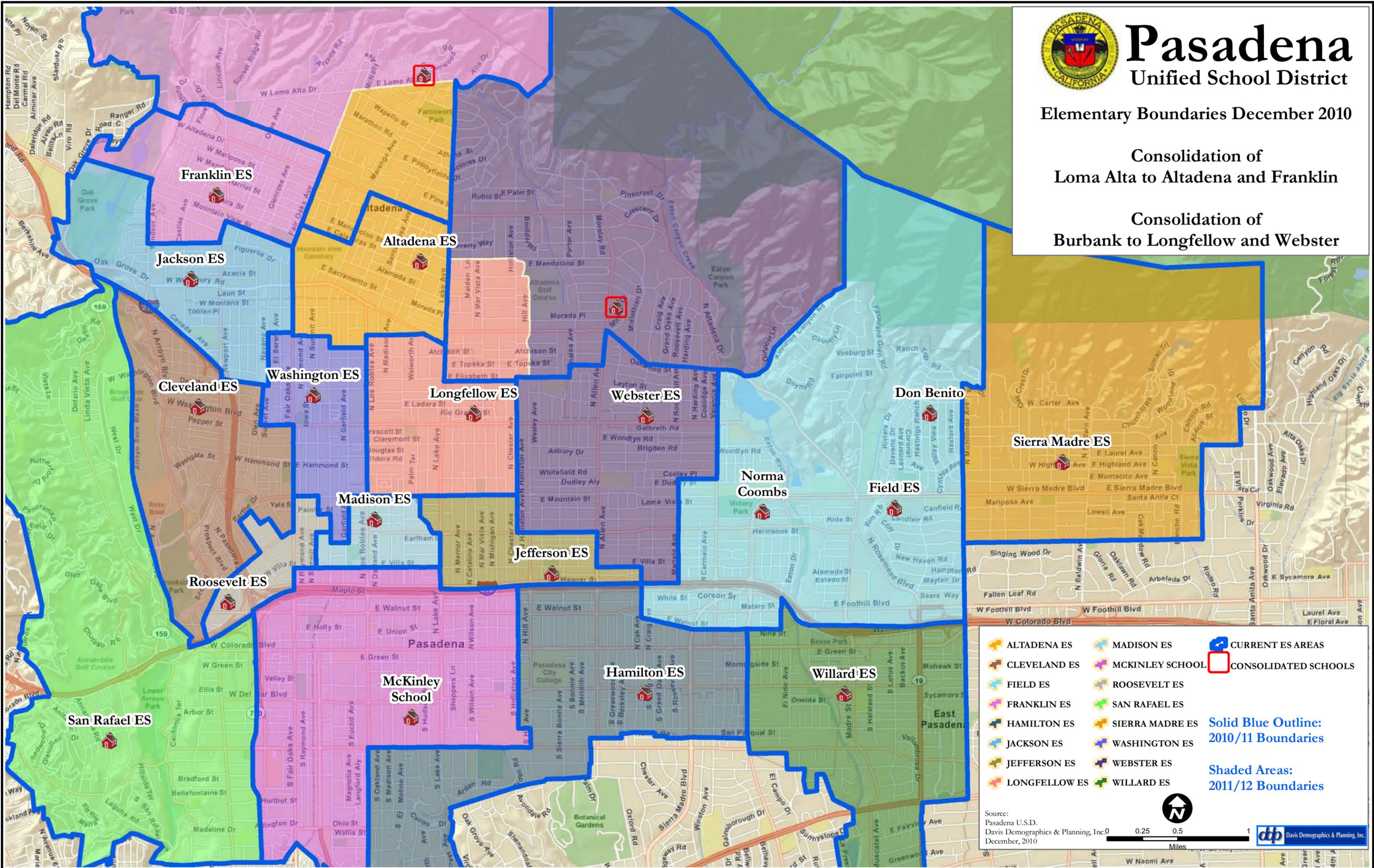


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Pasadena U.S.D.
Davis Demographics & Planning, Inc.0
December, 2010

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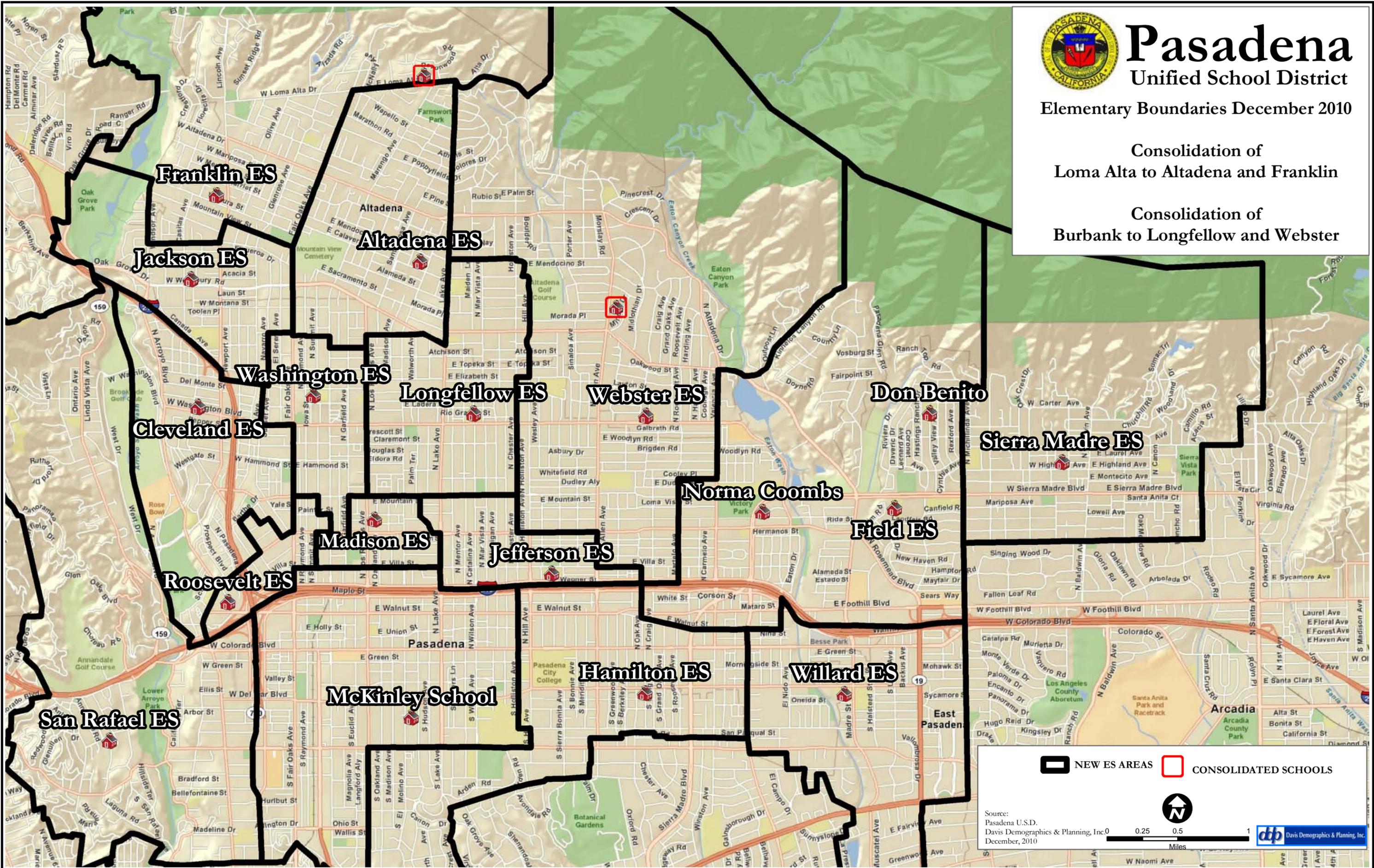
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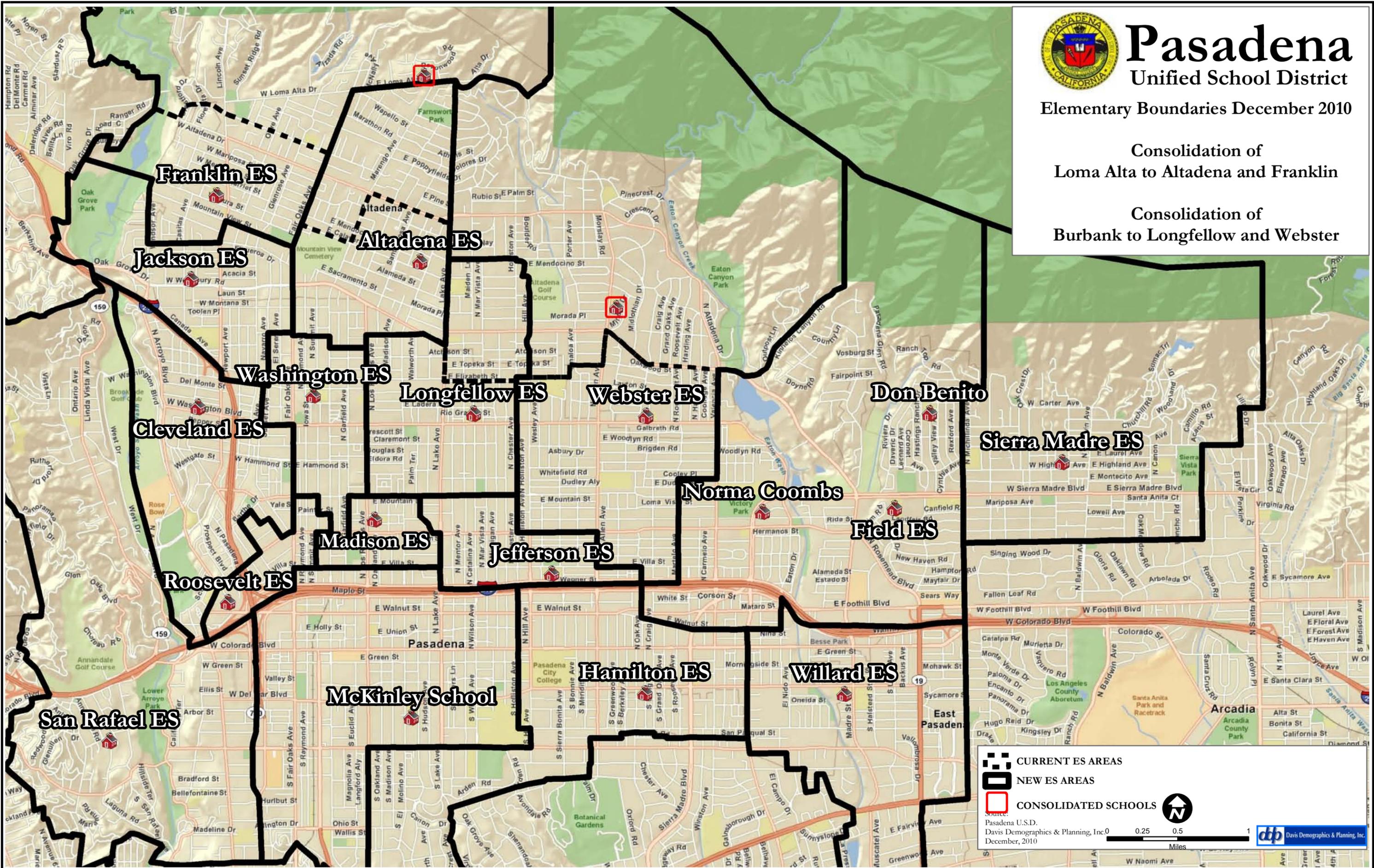
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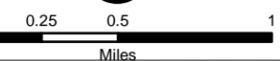


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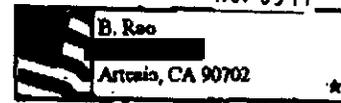
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**REGION 4:
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July 15, 2011

Boundary Review Committee



Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,

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CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER.

Women's Cancer Research Institute
at the Samuel Oschin
Comprehensive Cancer Institute

Los Angeles, CA 90048

FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 7/15/11

Number of pages including cover sheet: 2

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Phone: _____

Fax phone: 916-651-5711

CC: _____

From: Anthony Braswell, Program Director

Women's Cancer Research Institute

PRESIDENT

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Phone: VALLEY

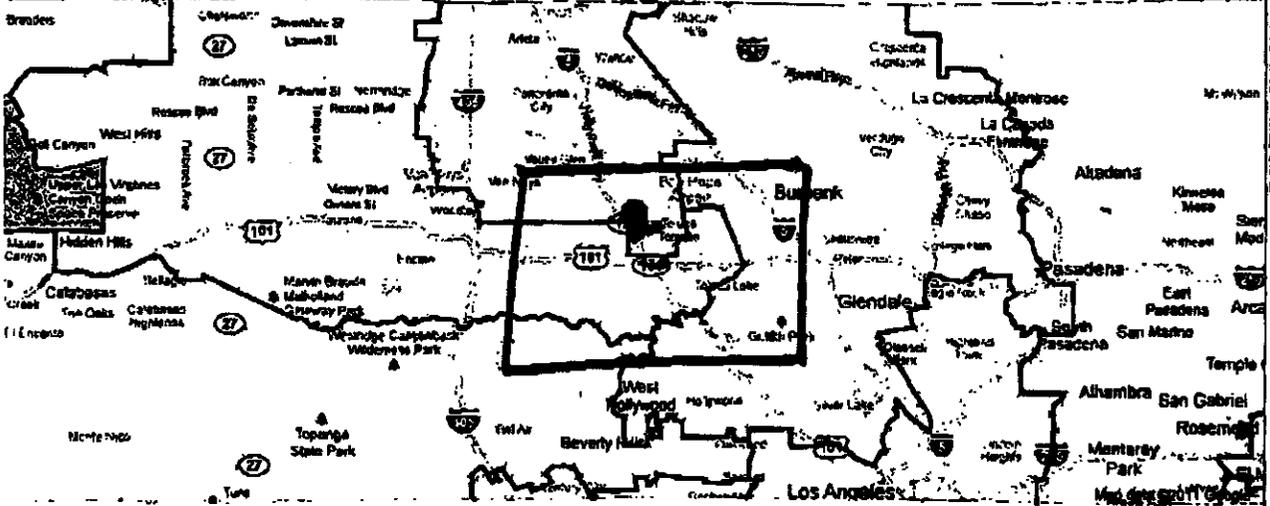
Fax phone: VILLAGE

REMARKS: Urgent For your review Reply ASAP Please comment

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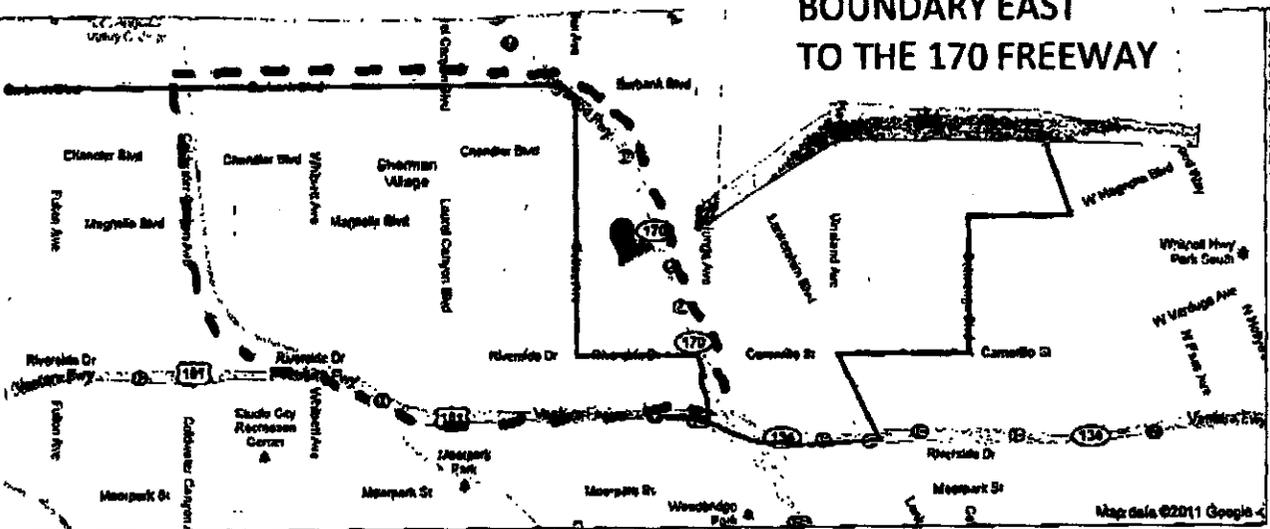
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NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL VALLEY
VILLAGE

Valley Village, CA 91617

www.myvalleyvillage.com

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL VALLEY VILLAGE

To the members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Valley Village California is a neighborhood in Los Angeles California, comprised of 25,000 stakeholders. We are located in the southeast San Fernando Valley. Our elected Board represents one of the city's greatest areas.

The current redistricting map you are considering divides our community into 2 congressional districts. According to your website, the map as it is presently drawn splits Valley Village into two parts, as the border moves down Colfax Avenue from Burbank Boulevard to Riverside Drive. We urge you to reconsider this small section of the boundary and move it east to the 170 Freeway.

We fervently appeal to you to redraw this part of the congressional boundary to follow the 170 Freeway (please see attached map submission). This will adhere to your mandate of keeping communities of interest intact. This a very small change, involving just a 3 block by 12 block area, but it is a very important change for our community and our representation in congress.

We appreciate the hard work of the Commission and are happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Anthony J. Braswell, President

7/15/11

Date

Virginia M. Hatfield, Vice President

7/15/11

Date

Subject: COI Pasadena City College, Pico Rivera & Duarte, CA

From: Martin Enriquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 2:09 AM

To: "[REDACTED] we draw the lines" <[REDACTED]>

Martin A. C. Enriquez*Marquez

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Attention: Jeanne Raya & Connie Galambos Malloy

Dear Honorable Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The following person has the following COI's in common:

Sandra Mondragon, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
Ann Duarte, 91010

- 1) Pasadena City College &
- 2) Zip Code 91106

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CC: Astrid Garcia([REDACTED])
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Enclosures:
Pasadena Area Community College District

Attachments:

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Region IV, Los Angeles County

NAME: Sandra Mondragon

ZIP CODE 91066

CITY OF RESIDENCE Pico Rivera

NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOL _____



UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COMMUNITY COLLEGE Pasadena City College

LANGUAGE SPOKEN, GEOGRAPHY, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, PLACE OF WORSHIP, PHILOSOPHICAL, RECREATIONAL:

Spanish speaking

SIGNATURE Sandra Mondragon

DATE July 10, 2011

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Region IV, Los Angeles County

NAME: ANN

ZIP CODE 91010

CITY OF RESIDENCE DUARTE

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL P.C.C.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COMMUNITY COLLEGE _____



LANGUAGE SPOKEN, GEOGRAPHY, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, PLACE OF WORSHIP, PHILOSOPHICAL, RECREATIONAL:

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DATE 7-12-2011

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Per _____

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission Members:

Let me start off by thanking you for taking into account our comments regarding the Senate District identified as LAPRW on your map. Your visualizations prepared for the July 8 meeting demonstrate that you listened to us and our concerns regarding representation for our communities and having the entire district in Los Angeles County.

I would like to request one further amendment however. The City of Montebello seems to more properly belong in the district directly north of LAPRW. I have always thought of Montebello as part of the San Gabriel Valley rather than the Gateway Cities or Southeast cities. Montebello is a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. If you search the term San Gabriel Valley, Montebello will show up as a part of the definition or listing of cities.

I rarely go to Montebello for entertainment, to shop, to dine or for recreational opportunities. I consider Lynwood, South Gate and Huntington Park to be much more similar to my communities and the other communities depicted in the visualization on your website. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Proposed 27th Senatorial Districts Alternative Plan/Map also makes this distinction. I believe the proposed Alternative Plan/Map for the 27th District prepared by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance does a better job in grouping our cities based on the similarities of our communities and geography.

Again, I appreciate your responsiveness to our concerns and comments and am pleased that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has done what the voters who passed the Voters First Act asked for. You listened to Californians. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen

GURPAL SINGH



CA 92703

Subject: don't divide venice

From: "Ed Conklin" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 4:46 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

please don't divide venice.....too cracky that we would have potentially 3 different reps.....we are who we are – and we should stay that way.....whoever that is.....but it....is.....

Ed conklin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ca

Subject: Communities State Redistricting Proposal

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Dear Commissioners:

Per _____

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank

Our communities share the same demographics and interests which include, but are not limited to:

Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - The Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Two Nearby Colleges - The 210 Freeway for Our Economic and Transportation Corridor - Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment

The current boundary proposal has my community joined with the mid-Valley flatland area, an area my community has little in common with. It is important that the redistricting proposal be redrawn so that my community is joined with other communities that share our demographics and interests:

Kagel Canyon - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; Lake View Terrace - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills - Rural, Equestrian, Mountains; La Tuna Canyon - Verdugo Hills, Rural, Equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge - Rural, Equestrian, Suburban, Located Between Two Mountain Ranges (Verdugo Mountains and San Gabriel Mountains); **Glendale and Burbank - Rural, Suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains, Shopping and Business**

These communities have commonalities and interrelationships that are uniquely interwoven and linked in ways that make them indivisible and requires they be joined together in the same California State Voting District.

I respectfully request that you consider these long-established community relationships when redrawing the current districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Patton

Signature

BARBARA PATTON

[Redacted]

Street

SHADOW HILLS CA 91040

[Redacted]

Just over 1 of 5 including cover
This makes no sense to split the community
of Valley Village. Please don't do this

James Herrick



Valley Village, CA 91607

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DATE: 7/15/11	FROM: Jeffrey C. Walker, Esq.
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NAME	COMPANY	FAX NUMBER
To Whom It May Concern	Citizens Redistricting Commission	916-651-5711

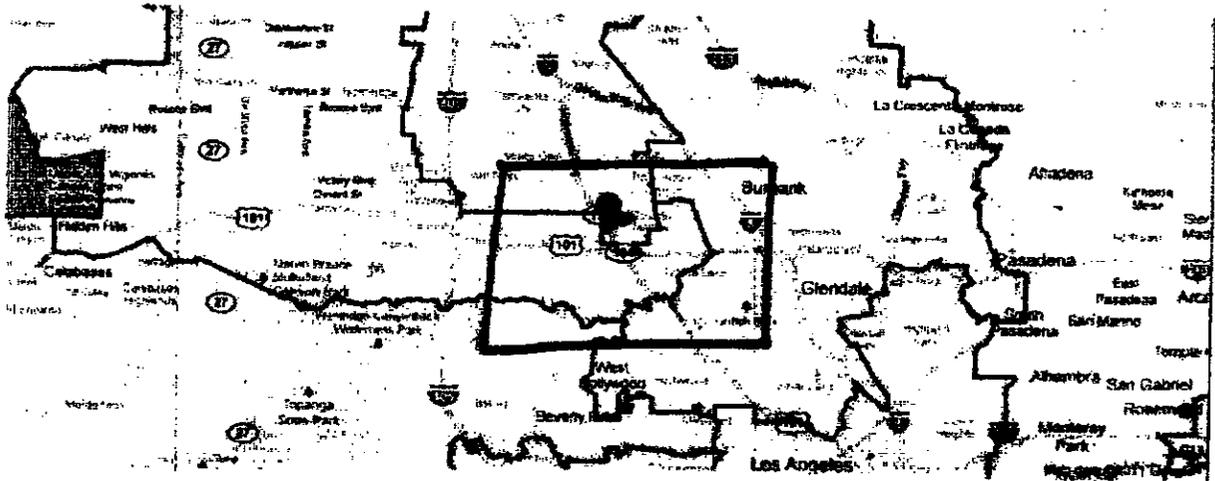
MESSAGE:

I am an elected Board member of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, located in Los Angeles, California. We are very concerned that the new map proposed earlier this week will divide Valley Village into two parts. Please redraw the line so that it follows the 170 Freeway and keeps the 25,000 stakeholders in Valley Village in one congressional district. (See attachment hereto).

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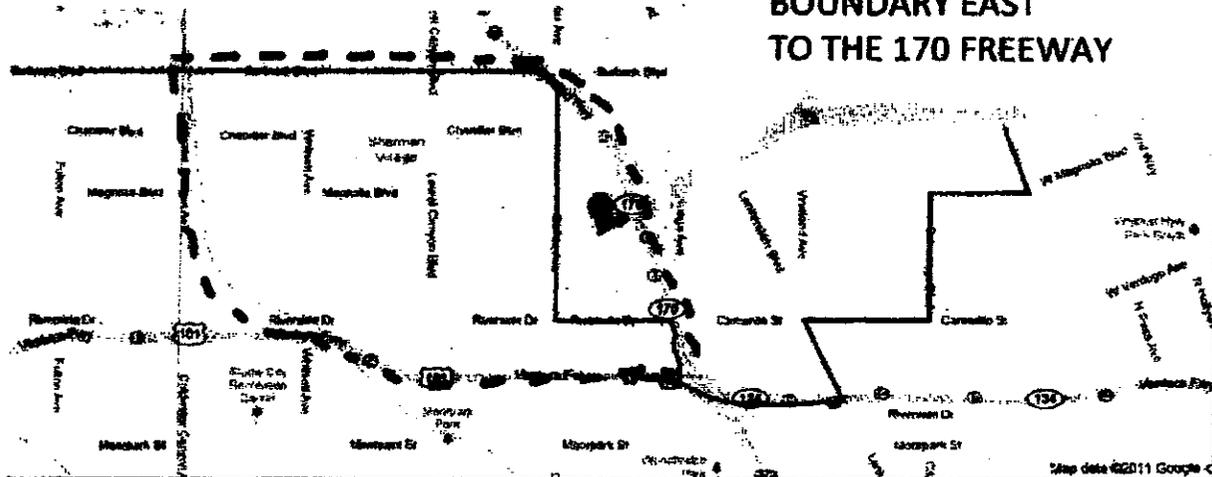
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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Beverly A. Williams" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/15/2011 2:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Beverly A. Williams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Palmdale and Lancaster do not want to be a part of the San Fernando Valley we like being part of our own valley please do not link us with the people down below we are the High Desert and need to stay where we are at this time.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

Dr. Robert E Mason
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90042
[REDACTED]

July 14, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing you with regard to the current redistricting maps for Assembly for Northeast Los Angeles. The latest visualizations, released today (July 14), starkly deviate from last month's first-round maps and sharply divide the city's Northeast. They also disperse and dilute an important community of interest, LGBT Latinas/os, rooted in adjoining city neighborhoods from Hollywood to Lincoln Heights.

Pursuing the Assembly scheme indicated in the July 14 visualization is ill-advised. It would appear to violate the Commission's charge to honor the boundaries of both municipalities and neighborhoods to preserve their cohesion, wherever possible. The July 14 scheme splits Hollywood and Silver Lake and appends parts of these Los Angeles communities and Los Feliz with the cities of Glendale and Burbank to the north. The July 14 scheme also ignores the long-term presence and growth of LGBT Latina/o households in Hollywood through Los Feliz and Echo Park to Lincoln Heights. Such families are a bona fide community of interest. Division of the LGBT Latina/o community of interest—among as many as 3 Assembly districts—runs counter to the Commission's stated goal of respecting such communities and, wherever possible, maintaining their integrity.

The first-draft redistricting maps, released in June, incorporated Northeast L.A. into one Assembly district, extending from Hollywood and Los Feliz to East L.A. The first draft maps also suggested some awareness of the LGBT Latina/o community of interest—rooted in Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Lincoln Heights—and showed the capacity to retain its cohesion.

The July 14 scheme, however, shows no such awareness and would split, or crack, the Latina/o LGBT community of interest at its point of maximum density, in the neighborhoods of Hollywood, Silver Lake, and Echo Park. Such a regrettable outcome might prove especially stinging to LGBT Latina/o families. It was these very neighborhoods that played host to the emergence of the Latina/o LGBT community in Los Angeles, following street protests in 1967 against police abuse along Sunset Boulevard. Epitomizing the emergence of the LGBT Latino community, the epicenter of those protests, the Black Cat bar, is now an LGBT Latino meeting place, named LeBarcito (and a historic landmark). Over the past 50 years, these neighborhoods have become home for hundreds of Latina/o same-sex couples and families, creating and patronizing the same businesses and relying on common publications, such as the Latino LGBT magazine *Adelante*, for news and information.

I would urge the Commission to revisit and reconsider the July 14 scheme for Assembly in Los Angeles. In accomplishing its final duties to state taxpayers, the Commission should strive to adopt final maps that maintain the cohesion of Los Angeles neighborhoods themselves, of the Northeast sector of the city, and of the integrity of the LGBT Latina/o community of interest in this area.

Yours truly,

Dr. Robert E. Mason