

# Region 4: Los Angeles



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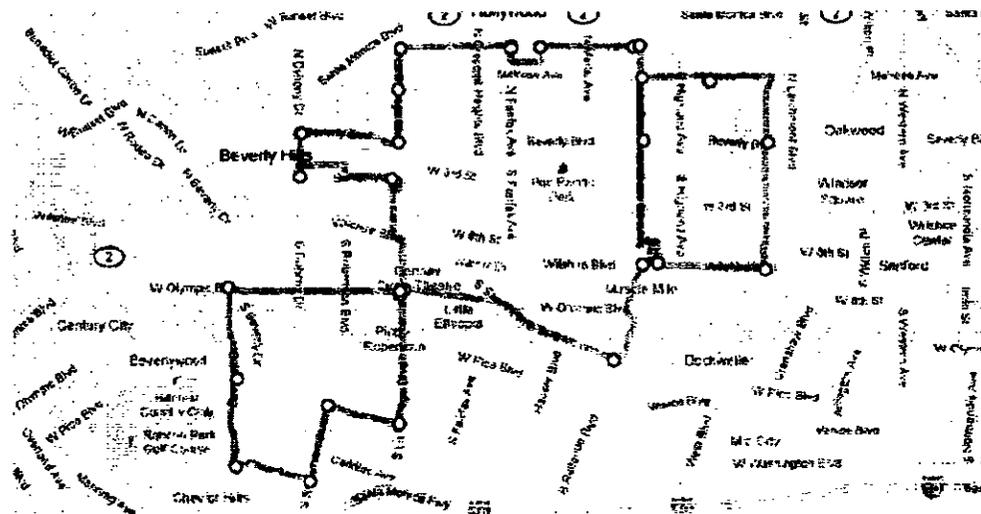
Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

We request that this letter be entered into the record for the Los Angeles County region regarding redistricting considerations.

The Los Angeles Orthodox community constitutes roughly one-quarter to one-fifth of Los Angeles' 621,000 Jewish population, and is made up of a combination of Modern Orthodox and Hasidic Jews, most of whom trace their roots to Eastern European Jewish populations that moved to the area from the 1930s to the 1960s or Middle East Jewish populations that moved here from the 1970s to the 1990s.

We follow strict religious observance as set forth in the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. We do not operate cars or machinery on Saturdays and worship and conduct education separated by gender. We also follow strict rules regarding preparation of food, which requires that we only shop at stores and restaurants that follow these rules and are certified by a rabbi that they have done so.

Because of our deep religious observance and limitations on our transportation on the Sabbath, these populations tend to focus on tightly-knit neighborhoods in the Beverly-Fairfax area, Hancock Park and Pico Robertson/Beverlywood (see the map below), with smaller populations in southern Beverly Hills and Valley Village in the San Fernando Valley.



The communities in the Los Angeles Basin are particularly interdependent, sharing their own ambulance service (Hatzolah), utilizing the only Jewish hospital in the region at Cedar Sinai and attending over 20 small private schools and forty or more synagogues in the area.



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We have strong representation on the three neighborhood councils covering the region (South Robertson, MidCity-West and Greater Wilshire), all of whose borders also closely mirror those of our community.

Most of our businesses are locally owned, in walking distance, and cater to the needs of the religiously observant in the neighborhood.

In the past, our Los Angeles Basin communities have been divided between districts, such as between the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District and the 30<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. Only our County Supervisorial district has kept our community representation whole.

Because of the distinct character of our community and the importance of having representation that understands our unique cultural and religious observances, we would like to set forth in the strongest terms our desire to keep our representation under a single Assembly, State Senate and Congressional district, uniting the Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood areas into single districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Zvi Brenner  
Chairman