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Subject:East Los Angeles Should Not Be Lumped with the Hollywood Hills, Silver Lake, and Los Feliz!

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Commissioners:

When you Commissioners were picked, many of us in Los Angeles (and many in the media) were concerned that none of you lived in the City of Los Angeles. We were told not to worry, that you understood the region and would draw fair maps. We've also been told, throughout the process, that the era of odd-shaped, gerrymandered districts, featuring odd pairings of communities, were over.

Then, in your initial draft maps, you proposed a district lumping together the Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, and East Los Angeles! To get there, the district lines cross the Los Angeles River and dart around Downtown Los Angeles, making the district as bizarrely shaped as anything the politicians ever drew.

It will be extremely difficult for whomever is in elected in that district to represent those communities. Those communities are as different as can be.

We, the undersigned, strongly urge you to draw more sensible maps. East Los Angeles (and Lincoln Heights, etc.) should be together with other eastside communities so that residents there can elect a repetitive of their choosing.

The communities of Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, and Silver Lake are not "eastside." No portion of those communities are east of Downtown or east of the Los Angeles River. Those communities most logically belong in your Central Los Angeles ("Hancock Park") district or the Westside or even the Burbank district.

The "East Los Angeles" state assembly district, as initiately drafted, is a farce. It makes the district impossible to govern for whomever is elected. It will always result in one half or the other feeling completely left out of the process. It is bizarrely shaped and illogical. Keeping it as drafted will let down EVERYONE in those communities.

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Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/east-los-angeles-should-not-be-lumped-with-the-hollywood-hills-silver-lake-and-los-feliz. To respond, email [REDACTED] and include a link to this petition.
