

City of Paramount

Remarks by Councilmember Tom Hansen –

Supporting Congress L.A. Map

Good morning. I am Councilmember Tom Hansen representing the City of Paramount and I'm here to address the proposed Congressional boundary line maps.

Paramount is located in Southeast Los Angeles County, just north of Long Beach. We are bordered by the 710 Freeway and the Los Angeles River on the west.

Paramount strongly supports the map entitled *Congress L.A.* which groups us with the geographically contiguous cities east of the L.A. River.

We are concerned with 3 of the Congressional maps titled: *Congress LA Option 1*, *Congress LA Option 1.2*, and *Congress*

LA Option 2. These maps show us in a district with cities that historically, we've had little or no interaction with. This is partly due to demographics and partly to two large physical barriers -- the 710 Freeway and the Los Angeles River -- that separates Paramount from these communities.

It's noteworthy, I think, that the Commission's proposed State Assembly and State Senate maps show Paramount paired mostly with the same communities that are included in the *Congress LA* map.

Paramount is completely interwoven with neighboring cities east of the L.A. River, such as those included in the *Congress LA* map. We have longstanding working relationships with many of these communities, have partnered with them on projects, and even share resources such as certain police services.

I ask you to adopt the *Congress LA* map, which keeps Paramount together with its traditional partners east of the L.A. River. To move us into a district where, historically, we have had little commonality of interests or interaction with other cities would put us at a tremendous disadvantage. We would literally be starting from scratch to establish effective political ties. For the sake of continuity, stability, and fairness to my community, please adopt the *Congress LA* map.

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Via electronic mail

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

Re: Vermont Knolls and LAX Airport Noise Mitigation COI correction

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing regarding a two district swap between IGWSGF and IGWSG to place the Los Angeles neighborhood of Vermont Knolls in the congressional district that contains Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and other neighborhoods impacted by LAX.

Community members brought to our attention the fact that Vermont Knolls was indeed in the Inglewood District after the 1st Draft Maps and certain subsequent maps, but now appears to have been separated from its community of interest (COI). We are not sure when it was removed from the Inglewood district and placed in the district to the north--perhaps it was a technical issue when you modified the way you presented visualizations upon deciding not to issue a 2nd draft map. In any event, you received COI testimony in Los Angeles and Culver City from several residents of Vermont Knolls and the CRC has agreed that a strong COI exists among cities and neighborhoods that are adversely affected by a common airport, namely LAX. The Vermont Knolls area is part of the noise abatement/soundproofing program zone with the City of Los Angeles and should, therefore, be part of the IGWSG district. It also works closely with communities impacted by other operational practices of LAX and their efforts to identify and implement problem solving will be hampered by being paired with communities whose priority issues differ.

We understand that at your July 24 Business Meeting, you tentatively approved these districts. However, you will most certainly recall that close attention was not paid to these lines to the northeast and instead an alternative plan dominated your discussion that evening.

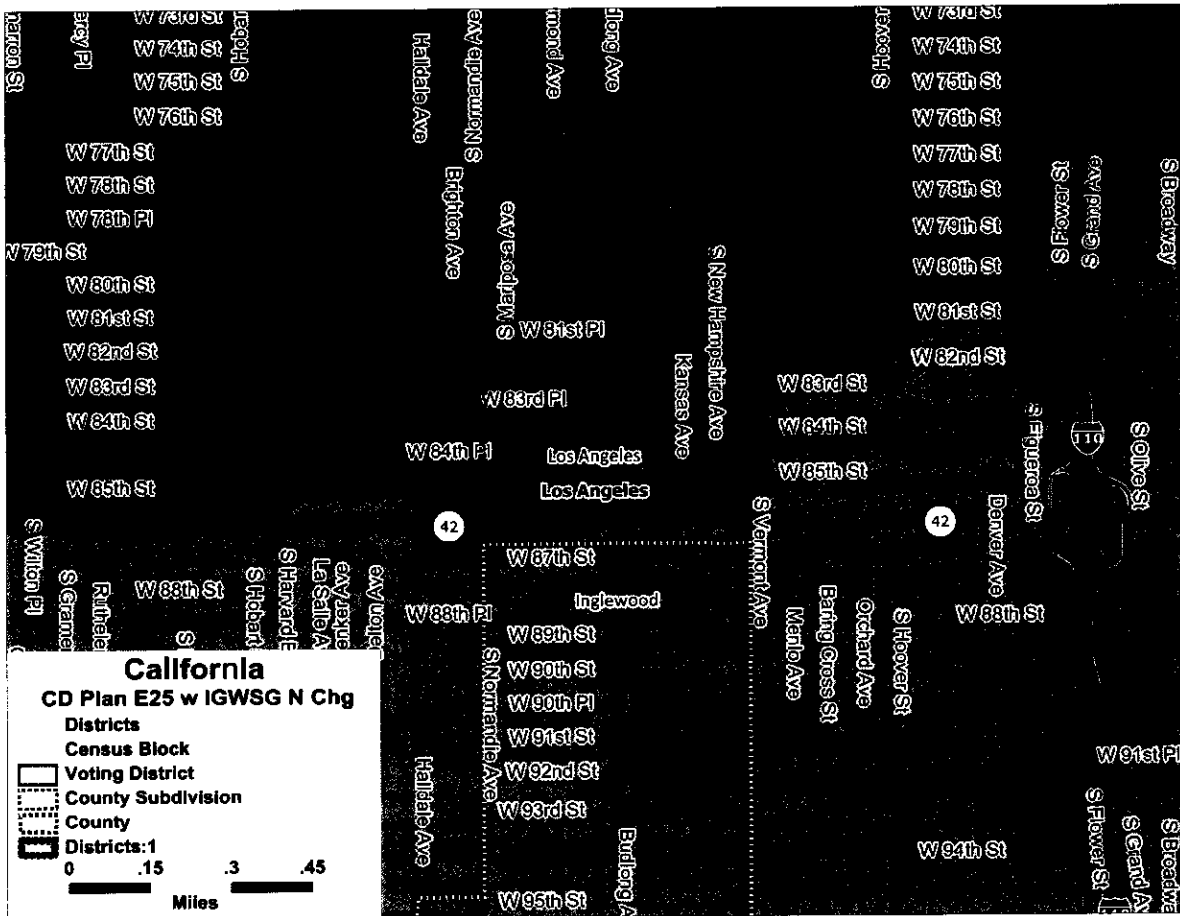
We are attaching the relevant technical information for ease of modification. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

African American Redistricting Collaborative
Attachments



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Block Assignment files for Only IGWSG and IGWSGF

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Shapefiles for Only IGWSG and IGWSGF

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