

**Subject:** Please Prevent Marginalization of GWNC, Hancock Park and Windsor Square

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**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission --

I am writing on behalf of Greater Wilshire, a century-old community in Los Angeles of 50,000 residents.

Your draft maps propose to split us in half. See our details and requests for correction below. The proposed boundary line that you have drawn of Plymouth Boulevard cannot stand. Please keep us intact by conforming to our eastern boundary, which is Western Avenue, in your mapping.

**1. Who We Are.** We are voters who live in the community known as Greater Wilshire in Los Angeles. Our community includes 15 residential associations with histories dating back nearly 100 years. Our two largest and best known neighborhoods are Hancock Park and Windsor Square. Our eastern boundary is Western Avenue. Our western boundary is La Brea Avenue. You have proposed to split us in half at Plymouth Boulevard in your draft redistricting maps.

**2. The Redistricting Mission.** You are obliged to keep our century-old neighborhood intact in your redistricting effort, pursuant to the following governing rule: "*The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.*"

### **3. Required Corrections to Draft Maps:**

a. **State Board of Equalization.** Please return us to the LA district for the State Board of Equalization. We lie at the midpoint of Los Angeles, but you have inexplicably removed us and placed us in a district called East, where we claim no community of interest.

b. **Congressional Districts.** In each of the 3 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with WLADT. The westernmost boundary of ELABH should not begin until Western Avenue.

c. **Assembly Districts.** In both of the 2 options, you have divided us in half at Plymouth Boulevard. We belong with LAMWS or with LADNT, but the entirety of Greater Wilshire from La Brea Avenue to Western Avenue must be included in one or the other, not both.

Signed, Your Greater Wilshire Neighbors

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