

**Encino Neighborhood Council
Community Impact Statement regarding the
Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission (LACCRC)
Final Map and Report ([CF 20-0668](#))
And Creation of City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee CF [21-1243](#)
October 27, 2021**

The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission's [Map K2.5 Final](#) was approved on October 20, 2021 by a vote of 15 yes, 6 no. On October 28, 2021 the proposed [Final Report](#) will be discussed by the LACCRC. Said report and map must be in the hands of the Los Angeles City Council the next day, October 29, 2021. Map K 2.5 Final, supplemented by the Final Report, divides Encino between Los Angeles City Council Districts 3 and "4 or 2" along the 101 Ventura Freeway. This will place several of our Encino residential communities, including over 10,000 residents, as well as the entire Sepulveda Basin Flood Control and Recreation Area in Council District "4 or 2". The Encino area south of the 101 Ventura Freeway has been assigned to City Council District 3.

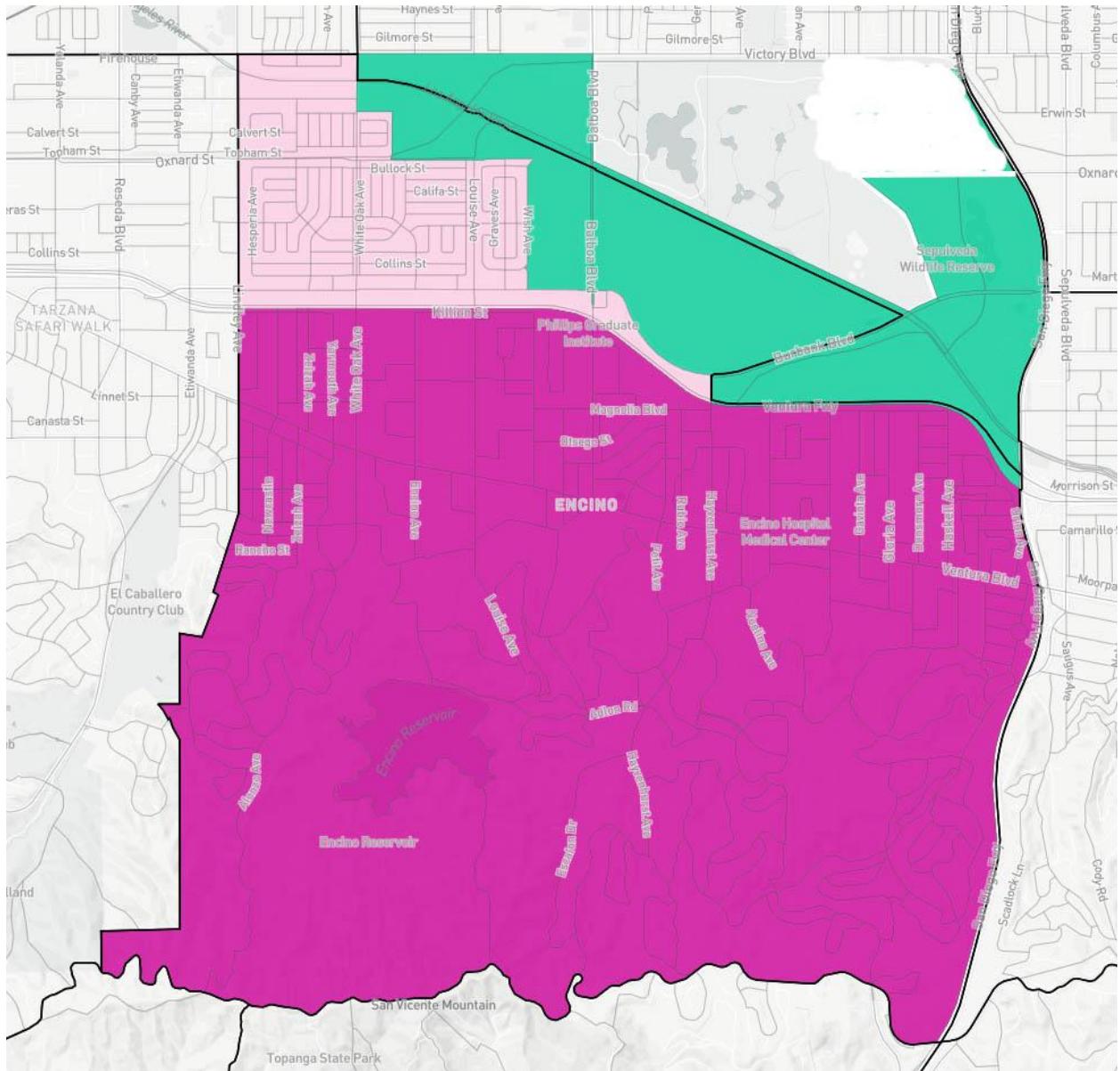
This action dividing Encino was taken literally near the end of the final meeting of the LACCRC for setting boundaries, and the reasoning for it appears inexplicable. While the division of Encino was never even considered until that meeting, the public comment period available through the commissions link was terminated less than 18 hours after the major change was made. Neither the executive director nor staff pointed out the numerous public comments that Encino be held intact, although such comments in other areas of the city were discussed and acted on. In fact, many boundaries, especially in the San Fernando Valley, were modified seemingly based on the stridency of public and commission member comment. Recognizing the words of Los Angeles City Council President Martinez, the goal should be a map that "does right by all communities and Angelenos." The Encino Neighborhood Council accordingly supports the creation of a Los Angeles City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee to evaluate and revise as necessary the plans submitted by the LACCRC to the City Council (Supports CF 21-1243).

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) vigorously objects to the arbitrary division of Encino among two City Council Districts, and implores that the City Council reverse this division, thus placing all the residential and commercial developed areas of Encino into the same district. Such division will be a major impediment to obtaining services for our Encino area related to airplane noise, traffic, fires in the basin, homelessness, mansionization, and more.

With respect to the Sepulveda Basin Flood Control and Recreation areas proximate to Encino's residential areas, the Encino Neighborhood Council is proposing a division of area based on input, discussions, and collaboration with adjacent Neighborhood Councils. This proposed division would place in the City Council District containing Encino's residential and commercial areas a portion of the Sepulveda Basin as follows:

The northern boundary of the Encino area will be Victory Boulevard from Lindley Avenue to Balboa Boulevard and from Woodley Avenue to the 405 Freeway. The Section from Lindley Avenue to Balboa Boulevard will turn south on Balboa Boulevard, extending to the Los Angeles River. For the section between Balboa Boulevard and Woodley Avenue, the Council District 3 northern boundary will be the Los Angeles River from Balboa Boulevard south-east to Burbank Boulevard, extending east on Burbank Blvd. to Woodley Avenue. At Woodley Avenue the boundary will then go north to the "Wildlife Way" drive and then runs eastbound ending near the Interstate 405 Freeway. The last boundary would require a census block split. Kindly see the attached map.

This division will provide a reasonable commonality of representation between Encino residences and Sepulveda Basin areas. Further, it will create an equitable sharing of resources among the several adjoining neighborhoods of Encino, Lake Balboa, Reseda, Sherman Oaks and Van Nuys. The Encino Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee to consider this option or similar.



The magenta, pink and green areas of Encino should all be in the same Los Angeles City Council District. According to the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission's [Map K2.5 Final](#), the magenta area is in Council District 3, the pink and green areas are in Council District "4 or 2". The pink areas are residential and commercial areas of Encino which were inexplicably placed in a different council district than the area south of the 101 Freeway, they should be in Council District 3. The green areas are the portion of the Sepulveda Basin which should also be placed in Council District 3.