



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ADDENDUM

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH GATE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR TELECONFERENCE

DIAL-IN-NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833

MEETING ID: 871 3225 5029

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I. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

16. Resolution Urging The Los Angeles City Council To Reject Redistricting Map 2

The City Council will consider adopting a **Resolution** _____ urging the Los Angeles City Council to reject the proposed Map 2 recommended by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission and urging support for Map 1A. (CM)

Documents:

[20211109 ITEM 16 REPORT.PDF](#)
[20211109 ITEM 16 ATTACHMENT.PDF](#)

II. Adjournment

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda Addendum was posted November 5, 2021 at 8:20 a.m. as required by law.

Carmen Avalos, CMC

City Clerk

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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: November 9, 2021
Originating Department: City Manager's Office

Interim City Manager: *Chris Jeffers*

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION URGING THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL TO REJECT THE PROPOSED MAP (MAP 2) BY THE LAUSD REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND URGING SUPPORT FOR MAP 1A

PURPOSE: To voice the City Council's opposition to the recommended redistricting map ("Map 2") which would continue to diminish the voice of the southeast communities in the operations and education of their students attending LAUSD facilities. The resolution would urge that the recommended Map 2 be replaced with Map 1A creating a true representation for the communities of the southeast region in matters relating to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution urging the Los Angeles City Council to reject the proposed Map 2 recommended by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission and urging support for Map 1A.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ANALYSIS: Every decade various governmental entities which elect their representatives by districts are required to analyze and make necessary adjustments to comply with state and federal voting right laws using the latest census data. Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") is an entity that does require its Board Members to be elected by districts. Currently, there are seven (7) districts, which were last updated in 2021 using the 2010 census data. District 5 includes southeast region cities like South Gate, Bell, Maywood, Huntington Park, Cudahy and Vernon. In addition, District 5 includes Hollywood, East Hollywood, Griffith Park, Silver Lake, Elysian Valley, Hollywood Hills, Monterey Park, Mount Washington and others.

Based on the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles is responsible for the redistricting process for LAUSD. Approximately a year ago, a committee of citizens was empaneled to take public input and develop a recommended District Boundaries map for the seven districts of LAUSD. The LAUSD Redistricting Commission completed its process in late October and forwarded their recommendation to the Los Angeles City Council.

The Los Angeles City Council will now consider the matter and will need to send a new “District Map” to the Mayor for action by December 31, 2021. The attached Resolution documents that communities in the southeast region are paired with communities such as Silver Lake, Hollywood, Griffith Park and Elysian Valley as examples. These communities are not communities of interest by either ethnicity, economic or social means. While their interest in seeking a quality of education for their students is not contested, the residents of the southeast region needs are often secondary to those in the more affluent communities in the northern geographic area of District 5. The proposed boundaries of District 5 continue to be connected by a thin strip of land mass, which no other proposed district would be similarly structured. This type of boundary configuration would appear to be the textbook example of Gerrymandering, which is not permitted by law.

In fact, data provided to the Commission showed that Map 1A was superior in maximum deviation (8.61% compared to 9.64%) when compared to Map 2. This comparison is important as Map 1A represents a better balancing of critical population elements being as equally balanced against each other.

Map 1A would also provide for more minority population representation with Latinos, Asian, Black and American Indian making up 84.69% of District 5 as opposed to 80.58% under Map 2.

BACKGROUND: No Additional information provided

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUTNY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE, URGING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL TO REJECT THE PROPOSED MAP 2 BY THE LAUSD REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND URGING SUPPORT FOR MAP 1A

WHEREAS, currently the southeast cities within the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) lie within District 5 which was formed as a result of both the 2002 and 2012 redistricting processes. District 5 represents areas such as Eagle Rock; Glassel Park; Mount Washington; Silver Lake; Griffith Park, Hollywood Hills; East Hollywood; Hollywood; Monterey Park; South Gate; Huntington Park; Cudahy; Maywood; Vernon as examples. District 5, in actuality, is two distinct geographic areas connected by a sliver of boundaries generally running down the 710 Freeway corridor;

WHEREAS, the 1991 LAUSD District Boundaries better reflected the southeast communities (District 2) as they geographically contained and furthered the allocation of resources for students in the southeast communities rather than the current boundaries;

WHEREAS, the LAUSD Redistricting Commission recently completed their recommending report for the City of Los Angeles on adjusting the seven (7) boundaries for District Board Member areas to comply with the Voting Rights Act and other various legal requirements using the 2020 Census Data. The Committee is recommending what is known as Map 2, as opposed to Map 1A which was also studied by the Committee;

WHEREAS, the District Board Members recommended boundaries reflected in Map 2 continue the grouping of two geographical areas being connected by a sliver of area that runs from East Hollywood through Koreatown, Pico Union to the southeast communities of Vernon, Maywood, Huntington Park, Bell, Walnut Park, Cudahy, and South Gate;

WHEREAS, the demographics of economic, race and other key distinguishing community identity elements could not be greater than those two distinct geographic areas. Areas such as Eagle Rock, Griffith Park, Hollywood Hills, Silver Lake, Elysian Valley and Hollywood are completely different than those communities in the southeast region;

WHEREAS, if Map 2 is formally adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, it will continue to dilute the voice, resources, and equal representation deserved and earned by the communities in the southeast region which has resulted since the passing of both the 2002 and 2012 District Representative Boundaries;

WHEREAS, the residents of South Gate, in particular, are disadvantaged by unequal representation when it is a fact that South Gate has more LAUSD students than any other community other than the City of Los Angeles itself. Yet, many of our schools suffer from a continuing lack of maintenance, staffing, and supplies as compared to many of the similar school sites in the northern portion of District 5; and

WHEREAS, data provided to the LAUSD Redistricting Commission showed that Map 1A was superior to Map 2 for District 5 in population representation. Minority communities such as Latinos, Asian, Black and American Indian would make up 84.69% as opposed to 80.58%.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That Map 1A be approved by the City Council and presented to the City of Los Angeles as the recommended adjustment for the LAUSD District Representative boundaries and rejecting the recommended Map 2 that was submitted by the LAUSD Redistricting Commission.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall forward a fully executed copy of this Resolution to the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Council President and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

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SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this **9th** day of **November 2021**.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: _____
Al Rios, Mayor

By: _____
Maria del Pilar Avalos, Vice Mayor

By: _____
Maria Davila, Council Member

By: _____
Denise Diaz, Council Member

By: _____
Gil Hurtado, Council Member

ATTEST:

By: _____
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney