

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53-CC

**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

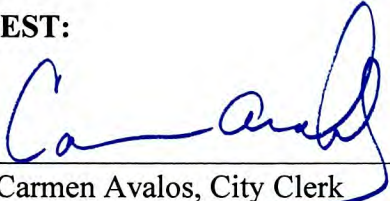
By: 
Maria del Pilar Avalos, Vice Mayor

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

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 2021-53-CC was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Rios, Avalos, Davila, Diaz, and Hurtado

Noes: Council Members: None

Absent: Council Members: None

Abstain: Council Members: None

Recused: Council Member: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on November 10, 2021.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California