

## **WHIP Report also containing the WHIP Motion in Blue Text Regarding Redistricting for October 7, 2021 Meeting**

At the start of every decade there is a national census, after which the City of Los Angeles goes through a redistricting process following the release of the Census data. The City of Los Angeles has assigned the process of redrawing the city council districts to an appointed citizen's Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission 2021 (LACCRC) (<https://laccrc2021.org>). They review population distribution changes, migration trends, communities of interest, commonalities (ethnicity, culture, language, religion, schools, parks, city services, shopping, healthcare, geography, jobs, environmental impacts, transportation, development, and other considerations).

CD 3 had the largest census growth in LA so change is coming to rebalance Council Districts. Considering all these factors, the Commission attempts to redraw elected officials' areas of representation to form balanced, fair, and equal regions for the voting population until the next census update. The process is imprecise, and compromises are required with only a deviation of 10% allowed between district populations to strive toward resident's voice having equal power.

The Commission held many public outreach meetings via Zoom, and allowed maps drawn by the public and comments addressing community concerns about early staff maps. One area of repeated public concern led to the Commission's goal of maintaining the geographic integrity of Neighborhood Councils within a single City Council district whenever possible.

The reason being the delivery of city services is often organized around council districts. Interfacing between the two elected city entities complicates the work for NC's and City departments when working with each other across two or more council districts.

At the time the WHWCNC Governance Committee set the agenda for their September 29 committee meeting, the local press was reporting, and the LACCRC website (<https://laccrc2021.org>) displayed many early redistricting maps which split the Woodland Hills community (WHWCNC) into two City Council districts. Therefore, the WHWCNC Governance Committee put on its agenda for discussion and possible action, whether WHWCNC should go on record in support of, or oppose, the division of the WHWCNC among multiple City Council districts.

At the September 29 WHWCNC Governance Committee, they passed a motion to bring the topic before the entire Board at the October 13 meeting with a recommended position regarding splitting the WHWCNC among multiple City Council districts. WHIP did not discuss the issue to avoid having possible serial communication.

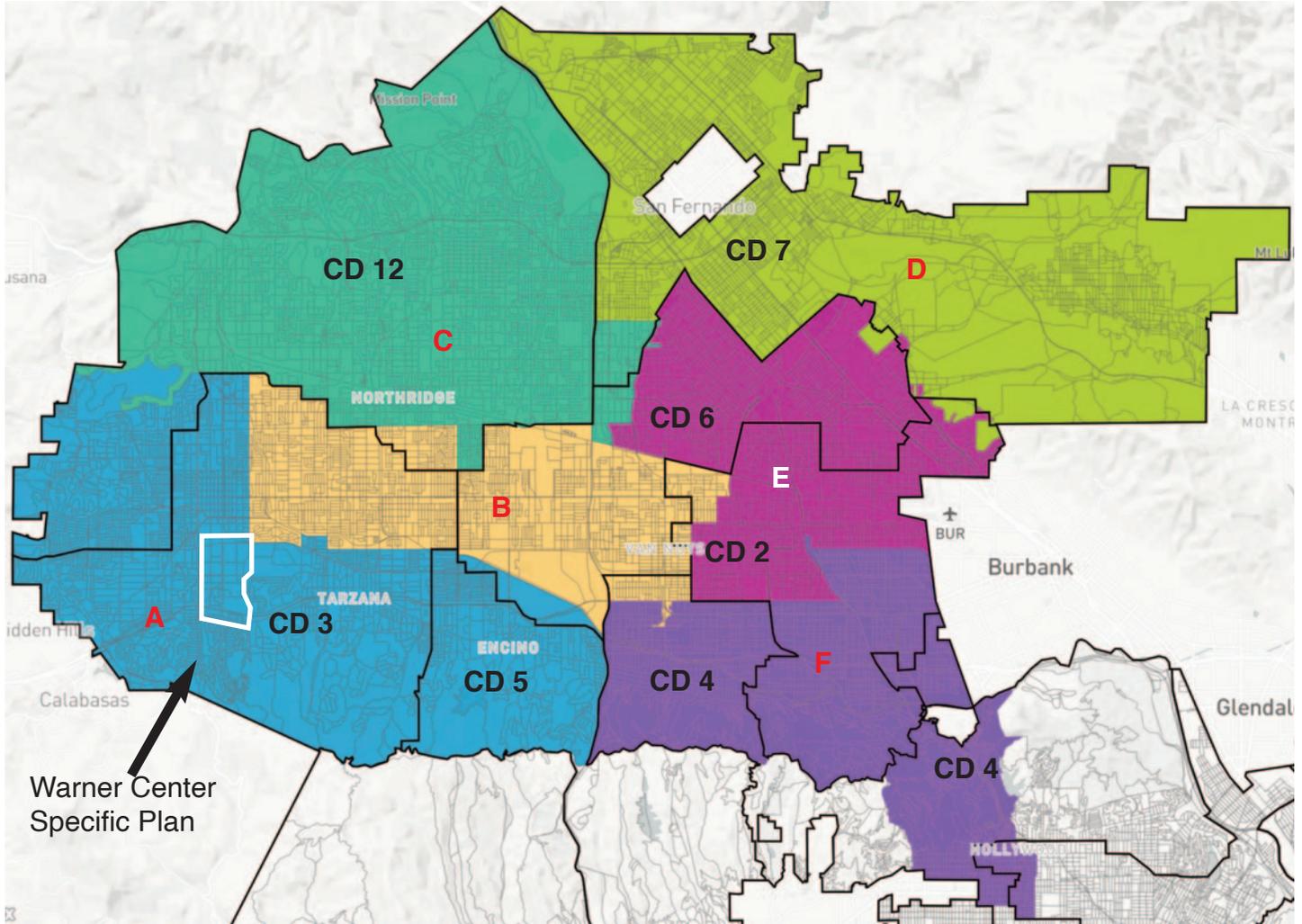
Since the September 29 Governance Committee meeting, the LACCRC held Zoom meetings that created and published the last two proposed redistricting maps Map L and K 2.5, the final Map to submit to City Council for adoption. At the many meetings the public was asked to submit their proposed maps and respond to the Commission's Maps.

75-minutes of public comment, with 1-minute per speaker, were permitted at the last two Commission meetings. 400-plus attendees "raised their hands" to make public comments from across Los Angeles. Most speakers had problems with the Commission's maps. Unfortunately, West Valley "raised hands" were not chosen to speak.

Now, Map K 2.5 (and possibly L again) is intended to be offered for approval by the City Council to adopt or modify for adoption. The last 2 iterations included Woodland Hills in a single City Council District. However, these latest maps created new issues of concern for Woodland Hills and our neighboring "communities of interest" including their Neighborhood Councils, whom we have a long history of working with on common areas of interest-concern. Map K 2.5 significantly changes several Valley Council Districts which will impact the City's future with big implications for the Southwest Valley. Woodland Hills will be in a 16.6 mile-long elongated District extending almost all the way to Burbank and separated from West Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, and Reseda which are put in two different Council Districts.

This motion is presented because the Commission still allows Neighborhood Councils to speak for three minutes at the beginning of public comment if they have submitted a board-approved motion on redistricting. Therefore, for the WHWCNC voice to be heard, the WHIP committee is bringing a redistricting map recommendation to the entire Board to approve and allow a Board-approved redistricting position to be presented to the Commission and the City Council at the few remaining public meetings before the final decision in November.

# Stakeholder Map 57666 with Current District Lines



## CD3 Comparison Chart By Map

Ethnicity	K 2.5	L	Stakeholder
Other Voters	74%	54.6%	68.1%
Latinx Voters	13.8%	27.5%	17.5%
Black Voters	5.2%	5.9%	4.8%
Asian Voters	6.9%	12.1%	9.6%
CD3 Pop. Deviation	+11,967	+909	-3,138

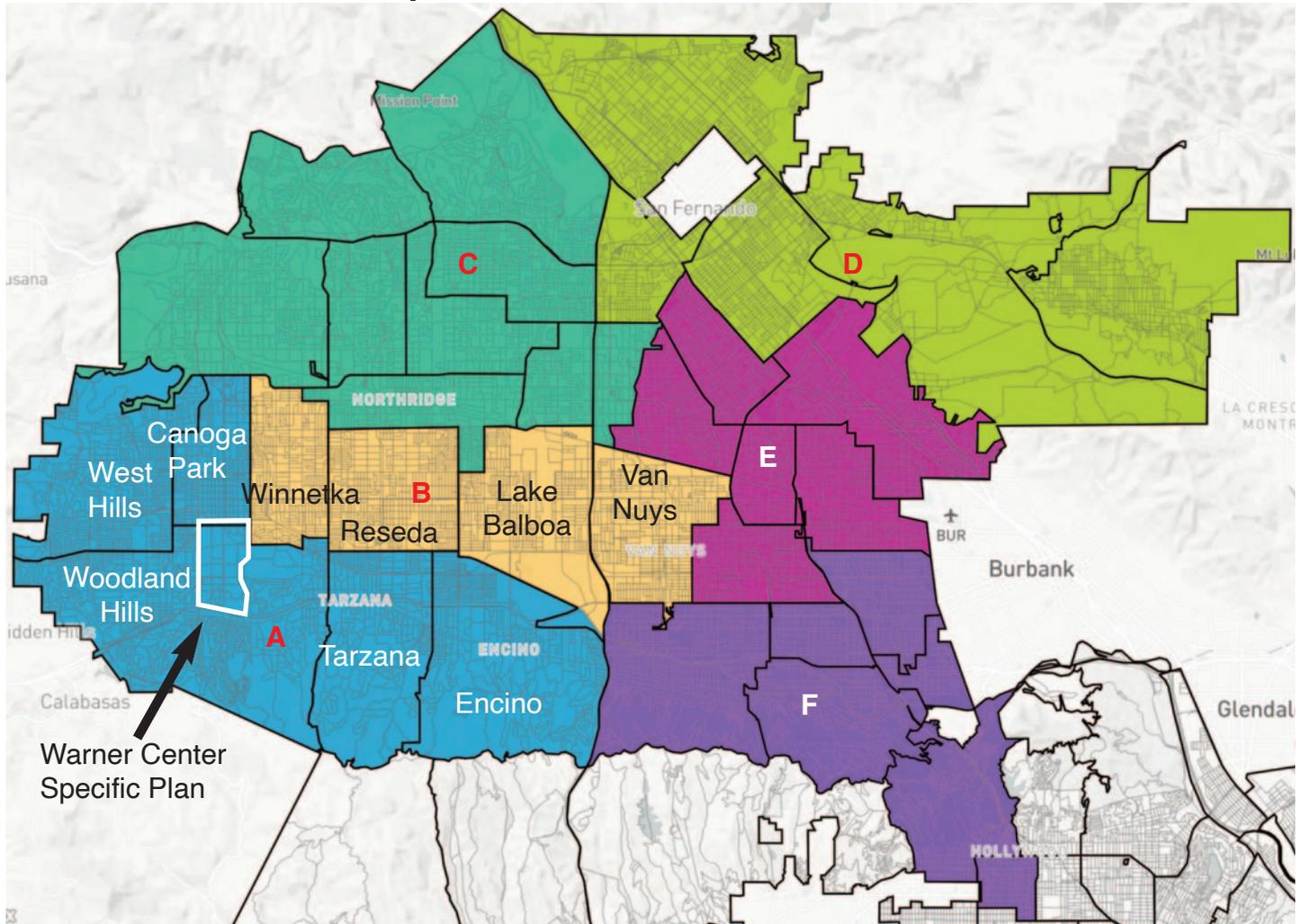
## Population Balance

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by Redistricting Partners on 2020 Blocks.



Ideal: 260,808

# Stakeholder Map 57666 with NC Boundaries



## 57666 Observations:

- CD 3 keeps Canoga Park and Tarzana, loses Winnetka and Reseda and gains West Hills.
- Warner Center affects 2 Districts as now but differently.
- All NCs are whole with exception of part of Sepulveda basin important to Encino with no population/voters.
- Ventura Boulevard only in 2 Council Districts, **with control weighted more equally.**
- **CD 3 is slightly under ideal population, but growth of senior living and large apartment complexes in Warner Center will add 10-20,000 population over**

**next decade.**

- Mulholland development and Specific Plan under 4 Council Districts.
- **All Districts are relatively compact making it easier for a district to serve all citizens well.**
- Mid-Valley District focused on the needs of Latinx populations.
- Mid-Valley District has a negative population deviation to accommodate ADU growth in the West Valley where it is most feasible due to terrain limitations of CD 3 and CD12.
- CD 12 has almost the ideal population with Porter Ranch expected to continue to grow in population

- CD 12 is close to current area except it loses West Hills and gains North Hills East.
- CD 7 remains much like it is now.
- **With 5 Council Districts wholly in the Valley, this map also minimizes the territory of a 6th Valley District outside of the Valley and still includes a small entertainment District.**
- Hillside areas are focused in fewer districts than currently, so development issues may get more attention.
- **The CD 3 contains the most important parts of the Orange Line that will support Warner Center economy.**

**The Woodland Hills – Warner Center WHIP Committee unanimously\* moves that the full Board recommend the redistricting map/plan and comments designated below, so that this Neighborhood Council can inform the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission 2021, Members of the LA City Council, Council Member Blumenfield and the Mayor of its recommended preference, whenever there is an opportunity to do so.**

**The WHWCNC Board supports “Using Stakeholder Map 57666” submitted to the Commission.**

**For the following reasons:**

The WHWCNC Board opines that Stakeholder Map 57666 (a) maintains the integrity of Valley Neighborhood Councils with each being in just one City Council District, (b) maintains the goal of compact City Council Districts, which (c) maintains the additional goal of keeping together “local” communities of interest.

The WHWCNC Board opines that the Stakeholder Map 57666 attempts to minimize deviation of populations for the West Valley from the ideal to allow for future population growth led by Warner Center. CD 3 had the most growth in the Los Angeles in the last decade. The Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council gained about 10,000 residents. According to the Planning Department’s recent draft of the forthcoming Housing Element, Warner Center will add over 10,000 residential units within 8 years beyond the units approved or under construction at the time of the census. The near-term future residents of those buildings are not accounted for by the census and greatly exacerbate the deviation.

The WHWCNC Board opines that all Neighborhood Councils must be kept whole to the extent feasible to limit the burdens imposed by dealing with multiple City Council District Offices.

The WHWCNC Board opines that City Council Districts be compact to facilitate 1) easy access to City Council District Offices by all, 2) make District Offices more efficient by not being spread out, and 3) to maximize resident’s familiarity with district issues. Far-flung districts with disparate local communities or topography can result in Council District divisiveness regarding needs and expectations of different communities, creating difficulties for Council Members to serve their Districts.

The WHWCNC Board opines that adjoining Neighborhood Council and communities are much stronger as a compact greater community. They work better together than when they are separated into different districts. When there is less reason to combine their efforts, working together is much more difficult. Keeping communities of interest together is very important for the city because when a group of Neighborhood

Councils share environmental concerns, police and fire stations, retail centers, facilities, healthcare, traffic systems, schools, the same social infrastructure, whether it be Chambers of Commerce, sports leagues, recreational areas, service and social organizations, languages, or religious institutions, the local communities, and the entire city functions better.

The WHWCNC Board opines that it supports the Commission’s goal of using Mulholland Drive as a border to the Valley Council Districts whereby 5 City Council Districts are totally within the Valley.

The WHWCNC Board opines that redistricting, to the extent feasible, should limit the number of Community Plans, Specific Plans, and similar entities, which City Council Districts must attend to. This will maximize their efficiency in dealing with District Issues.

The WHWCNC Board opines that the Warner Center Specific Plan strongly affects all the surrounding communities and is a vital economic interest to all of them. Warner Center is a city-designated Regional Center serving as the “Downtown” of the West Valley. Warner Center is in Woodland Hills and Canoga Park. It should not be in 2 or more City Council Districts.

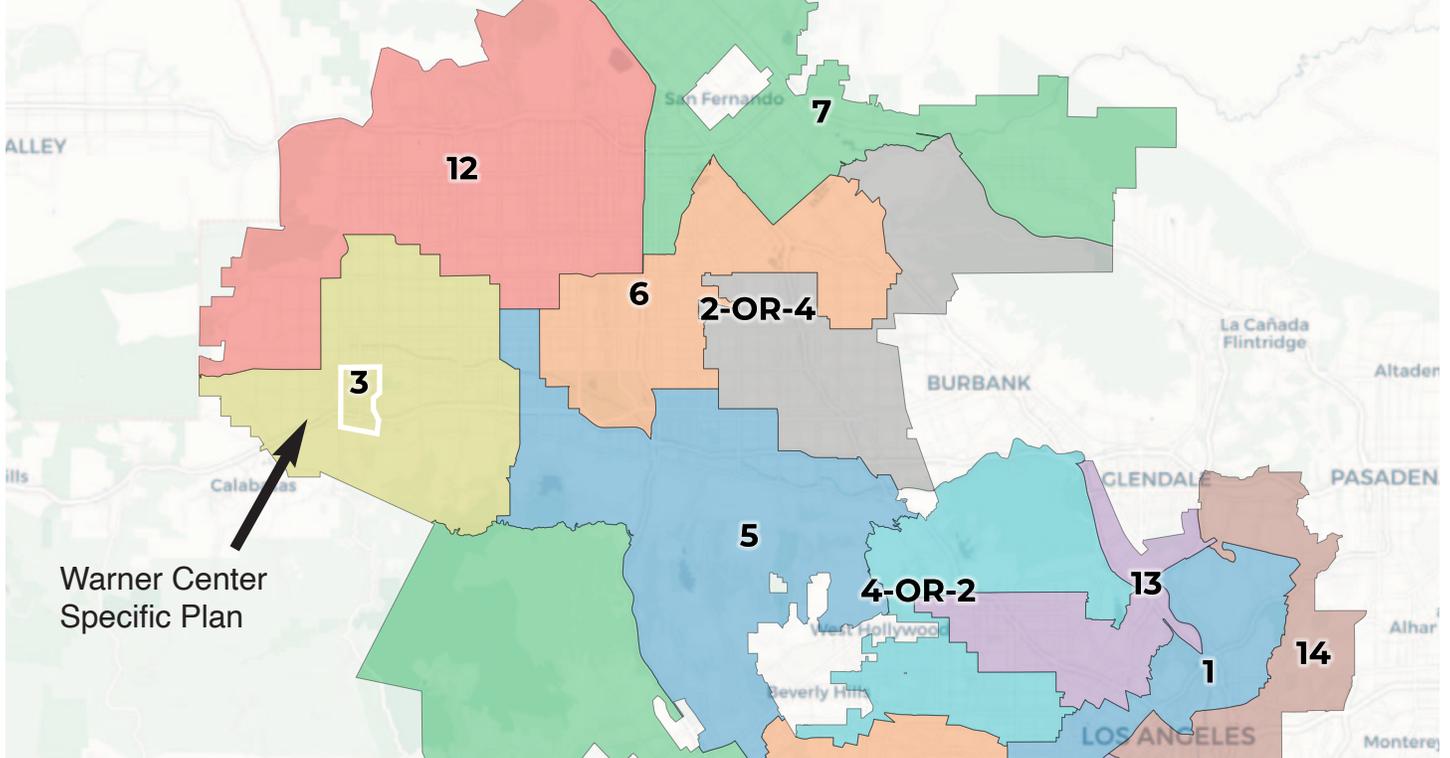
The WHWCNC Board opines that the redistricting process must acknowledge the importance of Warner Center as an economic interest for the West Valley. Redistricting must create a City Council District that maintains a strong focus on Warner Center, composed of the Neighborhood Councils that are affected by Warner Center, and one that will avoid generating conflict with distant Neighborhood Councils competing for attention. Most Neighborhood Councils surrounding Warner Center are included in the Neighborhood Protection Plan element of the 2035 Warner Center Specific Plan and thus should be included in the same Council District as Warner Center. Likewise, the Specific Plan also has a Plan Implementation Board of appointed local community members that is overseen by the Council Member for Warner Center and that Board directs the funding priorities of the Plan’s mitigation projects within the West Valley, which is of significant interest to surrounding Neighborhood Councils.

**The WHWCNC Board is “Against Using Redistricting Commission Proposed Map L”**

The WHWCNC Board opines that Map L does not serve the best interests of Neighborhood Councils. It violates the principal of keeping Neighborhood Councils whole. Neighborhood Councils must not be split between 2 or 3 Council Districts. A Council District on both sides of Mulholland Drive results in interests located outside of the Valley taking away a Council Districts focus on Valley interests. A Council Member

should not be put into a position of divided loyalty. Map L violates the goal of compactness as the residents of Reseda and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils (north of the US101 Freeway) have minimal to no local common interests with residents of the West Los Angeles and Palms Neighborhood Councils (south of the I-10 Freeway).

# Redistricting Commission’s Proposed Map L



**Populations (Ideal is 260,808)**

CD 3	261,527	CD 7	265,245	CD 2 or 4	250,478
CD 12	271,831	CD 6	254,660	CD 5	269,399

## Observations on L:

- CD 3 keeps Canoga Park, Winnetka, Tarzana and less of Reseda. West Hills in not added.
- Map maintains most of the Current CD 12 and CD 3 as is and their affect of Warner Center.
- Warner Center affects same 2 Districts as now.
- **Reseda is in 3 districts.**
- Reseda is in a District stretching all the way to Palms NC. The Dis-

- trict will have a lot of influence from UCLA, West LA, BelAire, Beverly Crest and Hollywood Hills drawing attention away from Reseda.
- Reseda’s needs are different than those of Studio City, Belaire or West LA.
- Ventura Boulevard is only in 2 Districts, weighted in favor of CD 5.
- Mulholland development and Specific Plan under mostly 1 District.
- CD 5 controls 2 significant long

Specific Plans.

- CD 3 is compact but CD “2-or-4” and CD 5 are not compact and easy for a Council District to serve all citizens well.
- The needs of Latino populations are diluted especially inn CD 5.
- CD 12 has the highest positive deviation in population with Porter Ranch expected to continue to grow in population.
- CD 3 has an almost ideal population but there is strong growth happening in the Warner Center.

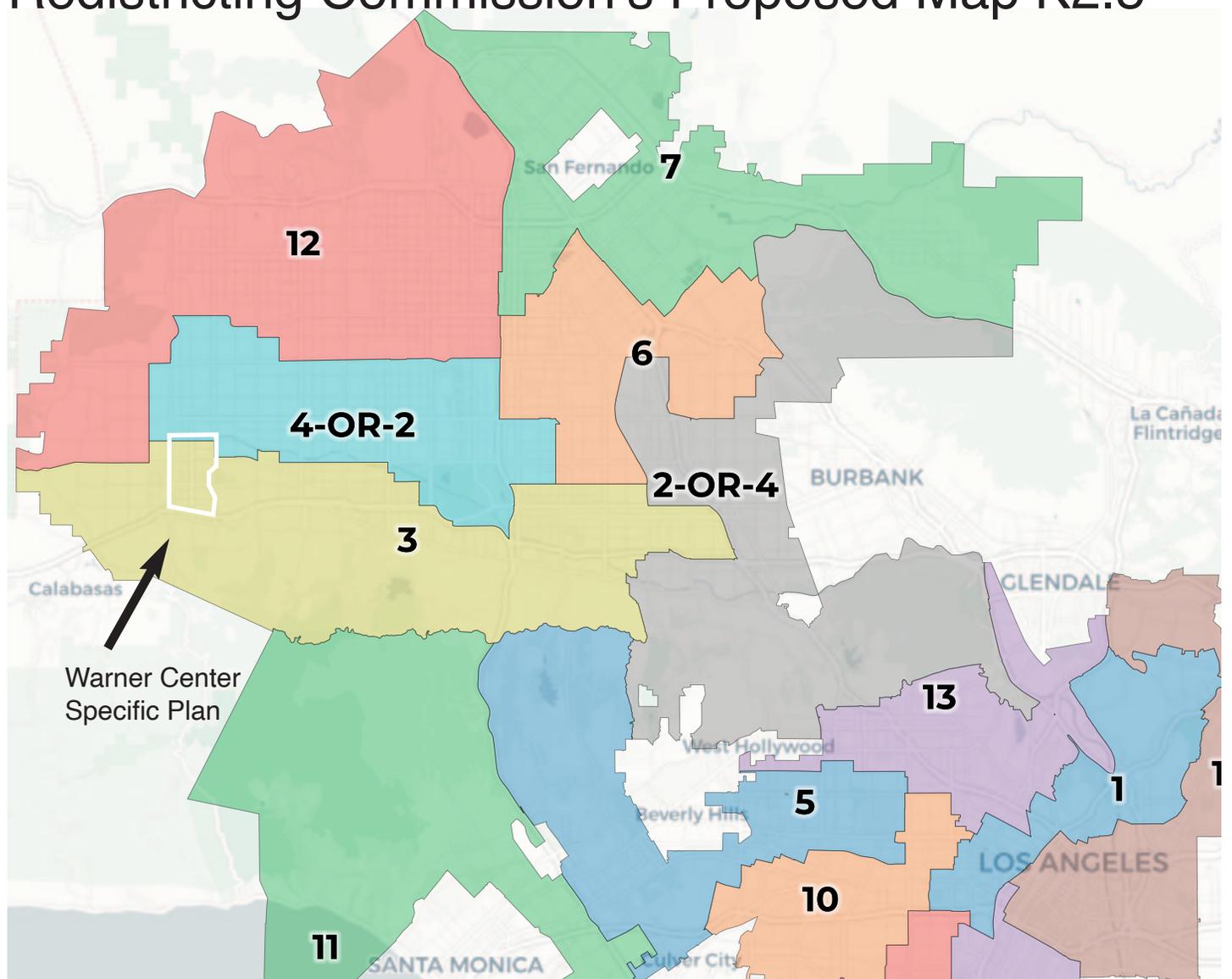
**The WHWCNC Board is “Against Using Redistricting Commission Proposed Map K 2.5”**

The WHWCNC Board opines that Map K 2.5 does not serve the best interests of our greater local community groups and violates the important premise of keeping communities of interest in the same Council District. Woodland Hills shares a much greater community interest with its West Valley neighbors than it does with communities east of the 405 Freeway like Valley Village and Valley Glen or Sherman Oaks that are included with Woodland Hills in Map K 2.5.

The WHWCNC Board opines that Map K 2.5 will quickly dilute the vote power of the Council District for Warner Center. The current “CD 3” had the most growth in Los Angeles. Future West Valley population

growth will be led by Warner Center. Starting with an excess population of almost 12,000 for “CD 3”, the deviation overage will be quickly exacerbated. Map K 2.5 does not account for the additional 10,000+ residential units to be built over the next 6-8 years, according to the Planning Department, above and beyond the thousands of units already approved or under construction. This could easily result in over 20,000 to 35,000 additional residents from just Warner Center on top of the 12,000 taking the proposed District population way beyond the ideal much faster than other Council Districts which effectively denies equal representation.

## Redistricting Commission’s Proposed Map K2.5



**Populations (Ideal is 260,808)**

CD 3	272,775	CD 7	249,412	CD 2 or 4	260,241
CD 12	255,676	CD 6	255,097	CD 4 or 2	250,365

## Observations on K 2.5:

- CD 3 loses Canoga Park, Winnetka, and Reseda keeping Tarzana and gains Encino, Sherman Oaks, Valley Village and parts of Valley Glen and Van Nuys.

- CD 3 becomes 16.6 miles wide.

- Warner Center is at the distant end of 3 Council Districts.

- Warner Center is in 2 Districts and affects 3 Districts.

- Canoga Park is partly in Warner Center but is in a different district.

- Warner Center alone will gain 10,000 to 20,000 in population in the next 10 years when this CD3 deviation is already almost +12,000 which dilutes CD 3 votes.

- 75-80% of Ventura Boulevard Specific Plan is in one district affecting appointments of the Plan Review Board.

- NCs along Ventura Boulevard have different goals and opinions that are split east and west by the 405 Freeway.

- Woodland Hills and Valley Glen/Valley Village have little common economic interests.

- East Valley communities will draw Council District attention away from Warner Center and the West Valley.

- Much of the Orange Line will be in one district.

- The western-middle district will have a focus on needs of Latino

voters who are possibly less interested at the western end for Warner Center.

- CD 12 will have minimal interest in Warner Center as the bulk is distant from Warner Center.

- The Map splits too many NCs and communities of interest.

- “Entertainment District” (2-or-4) appears to be focused on Armenian populations and CD 3 on Jewish communities leaving out those in West Hills.

- CD “2-or-4” and CD 3 are not compact and easy for a district to serve all citizens well.

- Shadow Hills has little in common with Hollywood Hills and Los Feliz/Griffith Park.