



AGENDA
Task Force on Redistricting Meeting

Monday, August 30, 2021, 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.

To Join Meeting Dial (888) 475-4499 or (669) 900-6833

Webinar ID: 847 3119 7005

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1. Call to Order/Roll:

Task Force on Redistricting: *Travis Longcore (chair), Robin Greenberg, Ellen Evans, Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger*

2. Motion: Approval of August 30, 2021 Agenda

3. Motion: Approval of July 20, 2021 Minutes (Attachment A)

4. Public Comments on non-agendized items within the jurisdiction of the Task Force

5. Reports of Committee Members. Discussion.

6. **Discussion of Correspondence.** Review and discussion of letter from Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (Attachment B).
7. **Providing Community of Interest Input to Commission.** Review of LACCRC website and mapping tool to provide input on communities of interest. Workshop using <https://districtr.org/event/MapsofLA> website. Potential motions to submit one or more community of interest outlines and associated explanatory text through districtr.org website.
8. **Discussion of Further Task Force Actions.**
9. **Good of the Order**
10. **Adjournment** Next Meeting Date: TBD

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MINUTES
Task Force on Redistricting
Monday, July 19, 2021

The special meeting of the Task Force on Redistricting of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. using Zoom videoconferencing. Members Travis Longcore (Chair), Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne, and Robert Schlesinger were present. The minutes of the previous meeting on June 28, 2021 were approved as circulated with the agenda.

The Task Force heard reports from members and held a discussion about communities of interest.

The Task Force debated and adopted unanimously the following motion to be recommended to the Board:

Whereas Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council represents an area that is contiguous and bounded by natural boundaries of the 405 Freeway, Sunset Boulevard, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, and Mulholland Drive,

Whereas Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders share a common identity that is characterized by the opportunities and challenges of hillside living, including appreciation of the natural landscape and wildlife, presence and risks of wildfire, concern about hillside development patterns, issues arising from traffic including the four major boulevards that connect the Westside to the San Fernando Valley, and shared engagement in the same commercial neighborhoods to the south where many residents work and shop, and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission is soliciting input on communities of interest in advance of receiving census data to draw new lines,

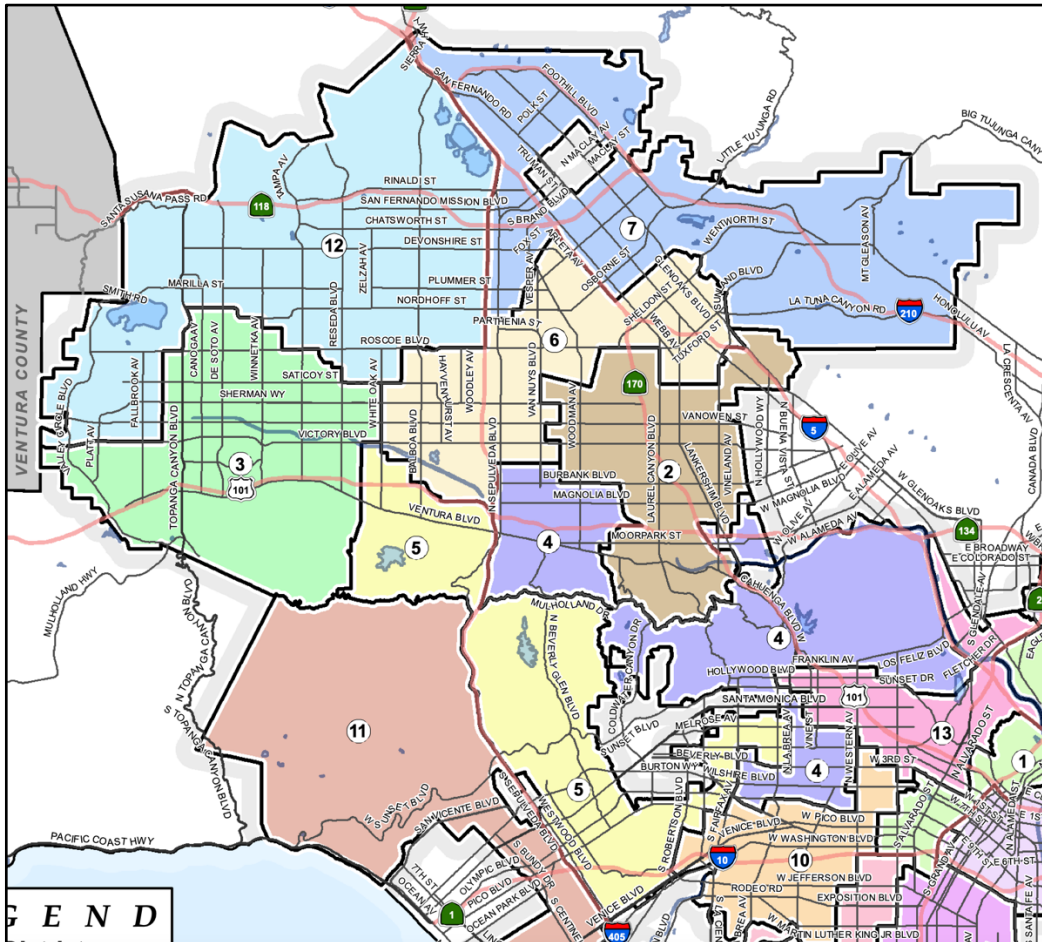
Therefore BABCNC authorizes its Redistricting Task Force to submit a letter to the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission stating these positions and requesting that BABCNC be kept within a single council district that is the successor to current Council District 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Travis Longcore, Chair

Current LA City Council Districts from 2011 Redistricting

The current CD4 and CD5 Council Districts have convoluted and gerrymandered boundaries that isolate Sherman Oaks and Encino from their adjacent Communities of Interest, as shown in the 2011 map below. Both CD4 and CD5 suffer because the 2011 Redistricting Commission chose to have two over-the-Pass districts instead of a single district that is fully contiguous in the Valley. This reduced the Valley’s political clout on the City Council. In addition, the 2011 Commission finagled Valley district boundaries to deprive the Valley of about 28,000 residents in CD4 and CD5. If the 2011 Commission had fairly balanced the Valley population of a single over-the-Pass district, that district would have had a 62-percent Valley majority in 2011 that could have supported a Valley-based councilmember.



Valley Deserves 5.67 Districts in 2021 Redistricting

The recently released 2020 Census data now supports 5.67 districts for the Valley. This means the Valley deserves five districts fully in the Valley (the same as it now has) plus 67 percent of a district shared over-the-Pass with the Westside. This over-the-Pass district should be fully contiguous in the Valley.

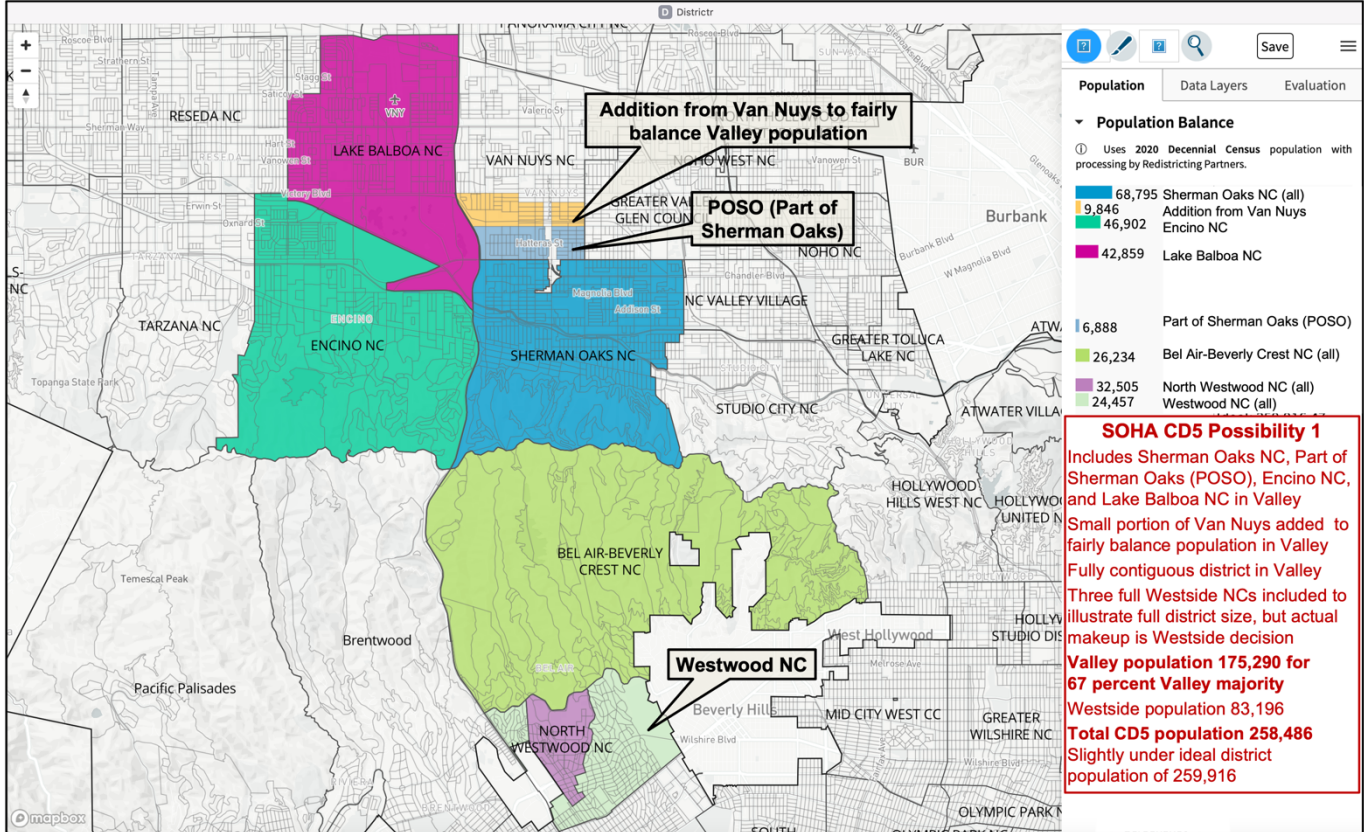
This is based on a total Los Angeles City 2020 Census population of 3,898,725 and a good estimate of 1,474,515 for the Valley portion of the City’s population. The Valley’s fair share of the 15 Council Districts is 5.67 districts based on these populations. We have asked the Redistricting Commission to provide exact data on the Valley population and post it on their website.

The maps on the following pages provide two possible ways to redistrict CD5 and provide the Valley its fair share. These are good starting points for further discussion.

SOHA Possibility 1 for Redistricted CD5

Using the 2021 LA City Council Redistricting Commission’s “Districtr” mapping software, SOHA prepared one preliminary arrangement of a single contiguous over-the-Pass 67 percent Valley-majority Council District 5, as shown below.

Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) Redistricting CD5 Possibility 1



The CD5 arrangement includes the entire Neighborhood Councils for Sherman Oaks, Encino, and Lake Balboa. It includes POSO (Part of Sherman Oaks) which was added to the Sherman Oaks Community by City Council action in July 2009 (Council File 08-2758). It also includes a small portion of Van Nuys to fairly balance the population of the district in the Valley to achieve the 67 percent Valley majority required by Census data. The Valley portion of this redistricted CD5 Possibility 1 is fully contiguous in the Valley and connects adjacent Communities of Interest. The Greater Toluca Lake NC has been moved from CD4 to CD2 in the Valley (as it is not contiguous with CD5).

To illustrate the complete district, we added three full NCs for Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Westwood, and North Westwood. The actual arrangement of the Westside sections of CD5 would be based on Westside resident public input.

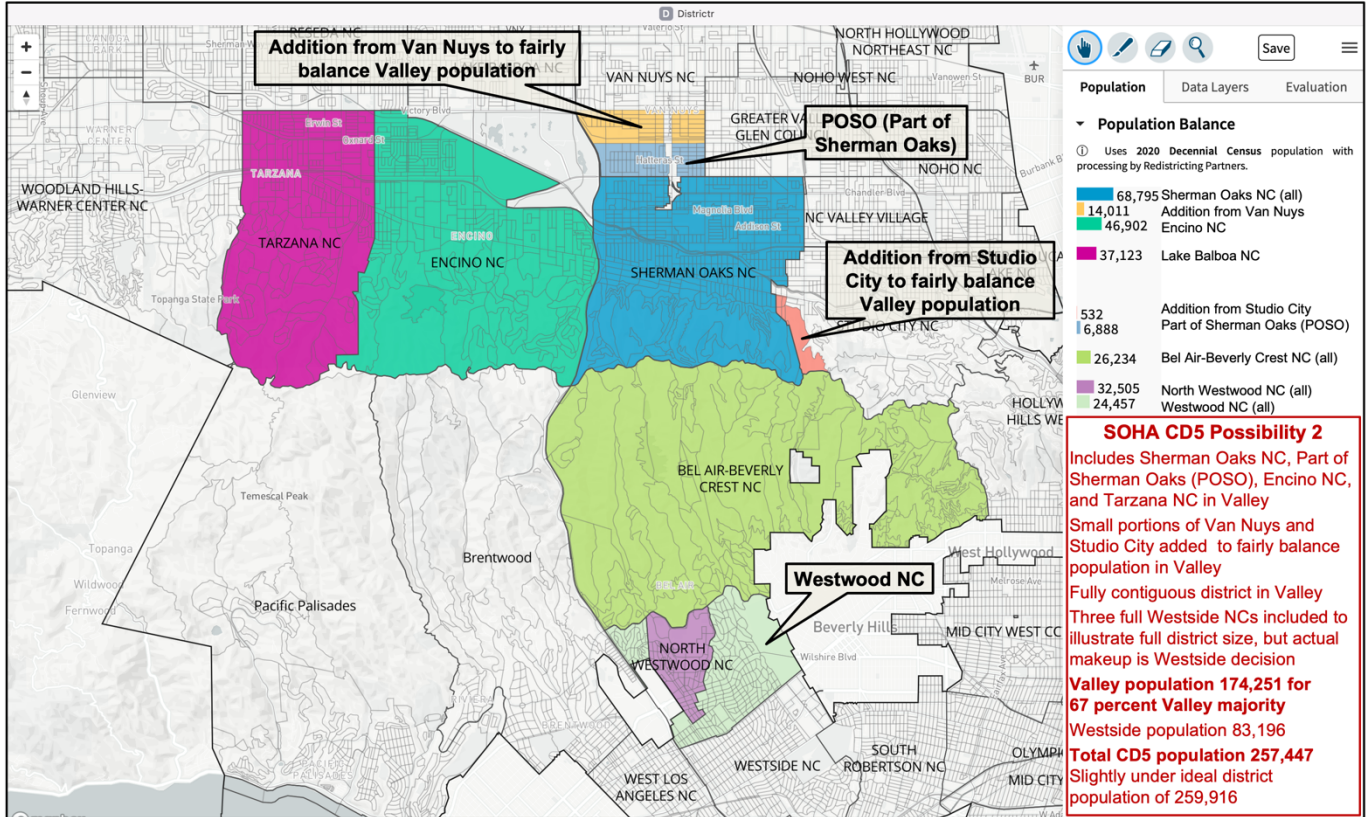
The total population of this possible district is 258,486. This is slightly below the ideal average district population of 259,916 but could be easily adjusted by adding population in the Valley and/or Westside.

The map above can be found at: <https://districtr.org/plan/38486>.

SOHA Possibility 2 for Redistricted CD5

Using the 2021 LA City Council Redistricting Commission’s “Districtr” mapping software, SOHA prepared a second possible arrangement of a single contiguous over-the-Pass 67 percent Valley-majority Council District 5, as shown below.

Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) Redistricting CD5 Possibility 2



This CD5 arrangement includes the entire Neighborhood Councils for Sherman Oaks, Encino, and Tarzana. It includes POSO (Part of Sherman Oaks) which was added to the Sherman Oaks Community by City Council action in July 2009 (Council File 08-2758). It also includes small portions of Van Nuys and Studio City to fairly balance the population of the district in the Valley to achieve the 67 percent Valley majority required by Census data. These portions are slightly larger for this Possibility 2 because the population of Tarzana is slightly less than that of Lake Balboa. The Valley portion of this redistricted CD5 Possibility 2 is fully contiguous in the Valley and connects adjacent Communities of Interest. The Greater Toluca Lake NC has been moved from CD4 to CD2 in the Valley (as it is not contiguous with CD5).

To illustrate the complete district, we added three full NCs for Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Westwood, and North Westwood. The actual arrangement of the Westside sections of CD5 would be based on Westside resident public input.

The total population of this possible district is 257,447. This is slightly below the ideal average district population of 259,916 but could be easily adjusted by adding population in the Valley and/or Westside.

The map above can be found at: <https://districtr.org/plan/38479>.