



Building A Better Community



Redistricting Task Force

Regular Meeting, June 28, 2021

Draft Minutes

The Task Force met via Zoom videoconference. Travis Longcore, Chair of the Task Force, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and called the roll. The following members were present: Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, and Travis Longcore. There were no members of the public present.

On a unanimous vote, the Task Force adopted the agenda that had been circulated before the meeting. The Task Force also approved the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting as circulated before the meeting.

The Task Force members reported on their engagement with redistricting processes since the last meeting. After these reports, a discussion followed about the attributes that characterize BABCNC as a community of interest. After considerable discussion, the Task Force agreed that the appropriate position to take in advance of the release of federal census data is that BABNC should be kept together in one council district and that should be CD 5 (meaning that the district is linked with Westwood, Century City, Rancho Park, and other communities on the westside).

The elements that define BABCNC as a community of interest include:

- Presence of and concern for wildlife
- Presence of and risk from wildfire
- Development patterns with the particular challenges of hillside construction
- Traffic and associated concerns associated with location on major commuting thoroughfares that connect the San Fernando Valley with the Westside
- Orientation toward a similar band of commercial districts along the foothills to the south.

The Task Force agreed to propose to the Board that stakeholders be encouraged to testify at the July 7, 2021 hearing of the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission for Council District 5. The Task Force will report to the Board that it has developed the position that BABCNC should be kept in the same council district (CD5), that members of the Task Force would testify at the July 7 hearing, and request the Board to send a message to stakeholders encouraging them to attend and testify at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.