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September 7, 2021

Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 275  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners,

We declare that on September 7, 2021, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The ERNC unanimously passed a motion to submit a letter to the Los Angeles Redistricting commission stressing the following core requests:

- **Keep Eagle Rock whole and in a single Council District**
- **Keep Eagle Rock together with its allied, neighboring communities of Highland Park, Garvanza, El Serano, and Boyle Heights in a single district as they have been for decades**
- **Keep Eagle Rock within a Council District 14 whose boundaries correspond to the existing community edges of NELA--the hills, the freeways, the Arroyo, and the LA River**

Eagle Rock is a unique community in that its borders are set on three sides by city limits, being bordered by Pasadena on the East, and Glendale on the North and West. Eagle Rock established itself as its own city in 1911 and remained an independent city for over a decade until it was annexed by the City of Los Angeles in 1923. Eagle Rock continues to be a cohesive, clearly defined community with active civic groups, a thriving business district, and a strong sense of identity. Our community's geographic understanding of itself is founded on its bounding by the ridgelines to the North, South, and East, and the freeways to the North and West which are the logical edges of any District.

Like many neighborhoods in Los Angeles, Eagle Rock is centered along our major Boulevards--Colorado, Eagle Rock, and Figueroa and it is incumbent that both sides remain in the same district and all gerrymandered splits (such as what was done to Highland Park along York Boulevard be excluded from any consideration.

For years our community and its organizations like The Eagle Rock Association (TERA) and the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) have successfully lobbied for important initiatives to help our

community such as the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan, the “Take Back the Boulevard” improvements for Colorado Blvd, and the “Rock the Boulevard” improvements for Eagle Rock Blvd. These initiatives would not have succeeded if they had been piecemealed amongst different Districts, different Councilmembers, and different staffs.

Eagle Rock and Highland Park are not just connected by a shared border. We share a sense of community and connection through Occidental College, through efforts to improve Figueroa, and through the York Blvd corridor. Eagle Rock and Highland Park have been part of Council District 14 since council districts were first drawn almost 100 years ago in 1925. As the population Los Angeles has grown over the decades, the communities of El Sereno, Garvanza, and Boyle Heights, have been added. These communities form the central core of Council District 14 and should remain together in the Council District. We fully support Highland Park’s request (echoed in the Region 2 ad hoc committee report) to use this redistricting as an opportunity to undo the unjust division of their community and moving out from that, we believe that all of Northeast LA is stronger if the council boundaries reflect our communities’ own understood geography and the limits correspond to the existing topography, freeways, and city-limits instead arbitrary gerrymanders.

Please acknowledge its receipt via email to: [executive@ernc.la](mailto:executive@ernc.la). Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Loew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Richard M. Loew  
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember Kevin de León