



RVNA Newsletter—Fall 2021

SORONC SPECIAL MEETING ON REDISTRICTING – 11/16/21 7 P.M.

As you are probably already aware, Los Angeles is currently going through the City Council Redistricting process and neighbors are invited to weigh in on how they want their Council Districts drawn.

The South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORONC) is located in both **CD 5** and **CD 10** and is in a position to submit a Community Impact Statement to the L.A. City Council for consideration in determining district boundaries.

Most of SORONC is located in CD 5; however, Zone 4 (La Cienega Heights), Zone 5 (Reynier Village) and Zone 6 (Helms/Regent Square) are currently located in CD 10. These neighborhoods were historically located in CD 5 and some neighbors are advocating that they be returned to CD 5 with the rest of the SORONC neighborhoods.

SORONC will be holding a **SPECIAL MEETING** on **11/16/21 at 7 p.m.** to discuss neighbors' interest in expanding the boundary of **CD 5** to La Cienega along its southern border so that all of the neighborhoods in SORONC are in **CD 5**. If approved, SORONC would submit a Community Impact Statement to the L.A. City Council for further consideration.

You may participate in the **11/16/21 meeting online: <https://zoom.us/j/89930026366> or call (877) 853 5257 (use Meeting ID No. 899 3002 6366 and then press #). If you are unable to attend, you may email your views to the SORONC Board members at the emails listed at the end of this newsletter*.**

You may also submit your written comments directly to the **L.A. City Council** at <http://LACouncilComment.com>. (The Council File number is 20-0668-S7.) The L.A. City Council will also be having another Public Hearing on 11/23/21.

Reasons Neighbors Would Like Our Neighborhoods to be Included in CD 5

- The majority of our South Robertson Neighborhood Council and neighborhoods and neighbors are in CD5.
- Our local L.A. Fire Station is in CD 5
- Our local US Post Office is in CD 5
- Our local L.A. Police Station is located just west of the CD 5 border.
- The CD 5 Council Office is located on Wilshire near La Cienega in closer proximity to our neighborhoods.
- Our main local public and magnet high schools are located in CD 5.
- Our primary business location, Robertson Blvd., is currently split between CD-5 AND CD -10, which has contributed to challenges for neighbors and businesses to unify and improve our local business hub. Since Robertson Blvd. has become a major artery with significant traffic and commerce challenges, any City improvements on Robertson Blvd. must be dealt with by 2 different council offices, which can be inefficient and problematic.
- Redistricting criteria #5 states that: "Districts shall be drawn utilizing natural boundaries and streets and to encourage geographic compactness to the extent feasible". La Cienega Blvd. is the natural boundary for CD 5, as CD-5 already extends to La Cienega Blvd. (just north of Reynier Village) at 18th Street. If Reynier Village was redistricted by its natural boundary, La Cienega, (instead of Robertson Blvd.), its residents would be more unified geographically and for reasons stated above, much better served by CD 5.
- The 2020 Census tract 2697.00, which includes Reynier Village and a portion of Castle Heights, is currently split between CD 10 & CD 5.
- Reynier Village is a small area at the far west end of CD-10 and already located immediately adjacent to CD-5, it would be a very minor adjustment to the borders, and follow a more natural line by having the cut off at La Cienega Blvd.

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