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To Whom it May Concern,

The proposed redistricting hurts inner city neighborhoods by dividing them into two different districts. Inner city neighborhoods like mine, Whittier, face unique challenges that require consistency and continuity if we are to successfully address issues around high rates of concentrated poverty, higher rates of crime than more affluent neighborhoods and work to support the diverse interests of our community.

Dividing neighborhoods into two separate districts complicates working with our city and state representatives to ensure that our voices are heard and our constituents are represented.

Retaining the integrity of neighborhood boundaries is critical for a fair, equal democratic process. Dividing any neighborhood up is a bad move, but it will be especially challenging for neighborhoods like mine that have some of the highest gaps in economics, education and healthcare. The inequality of resources for too many of our residents makes the unified voice of our political representation critical for the well being of our neighborhood.

Please keep Whittier's, and other neighborhoods', boundaries intact. You can do this by moving the eastern boundary of the draft Ward 10 map from 1st Ave to 4th Ave/35. This keeps our neighborhood whole without skewing required population numbers.

Sincerely,

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