



**Date:** July 13, 2001  
**To:** Fellow Colleagues of the Long Beach City Council  
**From:** Councilmember Jackie Kell  
**Subject:** Redistricting

There is a proposal by Councilman Dennis Carroll to remove a large southeastern part of the 5<sup>th</sup> District and replace it with a portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> District in the Traffic Circle area. For the record, I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL. THERE IS NO NEED FOR MY DISTRICT TO CHANGE AT ALL!

According to City Attorney Bob Shannon, traditional redistricting criteria include: 1) Preservation of communities of interest, 2) Maintenance of contiguous districts of compact territory, 3) Preservation of population cores which have consistently been associated with particular districts, 4) Avoidance of large scale dislocations of district populations, and 5) Recognition of inevitable and historical topographic and geographic limitations on district boundaries. IT IS MY CONTENTION THAT ALL OF THESE CRITERIA COULD BE VIOLATED IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED.

If this proposal is accepted, it will create the following problems for the residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> District:

1. **Lose District Office** - Located at the Parks and Rec headquarters for over a decade for ready access to Parks staff because of preponderance of parks in district. Well known to all constituents.
2. **Lose El Dorado Golf Course** – Supported recent major renovation and installation of fountain adjacent to the first tee.  
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3. **Lose Los Altos Little League Fields** – I worked to rename #1 field in honor of Dr. Craig Weaver and donate personally each year.
4. **Lose Skate Park** – I supported this development and donated \$1,000 of my personal money in support of construction of this facility
5. **Lose Municipal Band Site** – I have financially supported this event for many years and am donating \$1,000 of my discretionary funds at next week's meeting to pay for an additional concert.
6. **Lose Parks & Rec Headquarters** – I need quick access to Parks and Rec Staff regarding parks, golf courses and programs in the 5<sup>th</sup> District
7. **Lose El Dorado Community Center and Senior Center** – Currently in the process of renovating and expanding this center primarily to accommodate the large and growing senior population. This center also includes the Millikan Ram Shack Youth Center.
8. **Lose El Dorado Park South Neighborhood** – I have actively worked with the El Dorado Park South Neighborhood Association to see that ADA required wheelchair ramps were installed, sidewalks repaired, trees trimmed, and parking concerns were addressed.

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9. **Lose El Dorado Library** – I am a big supporter of this well-used library which just recently expanded their learning center to better accommodate the needs of the community.
10. **Lose Community Gardens** – I belong to the Community Gardens and my husband and I have a plot there.
11. **Lose Companion Animal Village** – I have actively supported this project and the spcaLA through identifying financial donors for its completion.
12. **Lose El Dorado Nature Center and WRD Water Reclamation Plant** – I am a strong supporter of the Nature Center and worked with the community to ensure that \$100,000 in mitigation funds was set aside from the Metropolitan Water District Water Reclamation Project to improve and enlarge the center. Together with this group, I was able to convince WRD to reroute all the truck traffic to Willow Street just adjacent to the 605 Freeway.