

**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Redistricting Hearing
Support A3 Amended; Oppose T1 and S2 Plans
Alex Holsheimer Remarks: 1 min**

Good afternoon honorable Mayor Antonovich, Supervisors, and respected colleagues in the audience:

My name is Alex Holsheimer and I'm the Project manager at the Thai Community Development Center. I am here to voice my support for the A3 amended redistricting plan that largely preserves the political cohesion of the Asian Pacific Islander community.

The majority of the Thai community, which is located in the East Hollywood, North Hollywood and other parts of the Valley, are within the 3rd Supervisorial District of Zev Yaroslavsky. We have enjoyed excellent communication and representation from Supervisor Yaroslavsky over the years. The API community is empowered when represented by a single Supervisor, rather than bifurcated and split among several districts.

We are completely sympathetic with the desire to create an additional voting rights district, but not to the detriment and further political dissolution of the Asian Pacific Islander communities. We are not trying to pit one community against another, but instead trying to support the plan that best addresses the human and social needs of the API community. At this time, we've only seen the A3 amended plan effectively and equitably address the needs of the Thai and API communities – therefore we are reluctant to support any alternatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.