Mapping L.A.

Los Angeles residents have traditionally formed strong neighborhood affiliations, but where any neighborhood begins or ends has long been a source of confusion and controversy, with no official boundary map in existence. In 2009, database editor Doug Smith, a lifelong Angelino, and researcher Malay Moore began the process of standardizing neighborhood boundaries based on historical and anecdotal definitions, civic proclamations and reader commentary. The two converted thousands of census blocks into a complete picture of Los Angeles neighborhoods, with no ambiguities, overlaps or missing pieces. Data analyst Sandra Poindexter compiled census and education data to create demographics unique to each neighborhood. Using cutting-edge open-source software, database producer Ben Welsh constructed maps and charts to display the work interactively, assisted by Stephanie Ferrell, Mark Hafer and Thomas Suh Lauder. Editors David Lauter and Megan Garvey integrated the project into The Times’ overall local coverage, and copy editors Robert Browning and Kathy Gossnell meshed the language and naming conventions with Times style. Shown here are the resulting 114 neighborhoods that make up the City of Angels.