

Background: This project focuses on analyzing 311 data in Los Angeles County for HackForLA. 311 is a local non-emergency service available for anyone to use. They deal with things such as mattresses on the side of the street or broken stoplights. Each 311 request should be allocated to a neighborhood council, subset of LA county, in which the issue is present.

Issue: In the 311 requests, there are certain rows of the dataset which are lacking a council name. Neighborhood councils are advisory bodies that make sure the government is acting on behalf of the communities. This project will explore the requests lacking council names.

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In [ ]: #Download utilized libraries
import requests
import pandas as pd
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import folium
import datetime
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.ticker as mtick
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In [7]: #Define function to extract data from API
import argparse

REQUESTS_BATCH_SIZE = 10000

def get_311_request_data(start_date, end_date):
    """Fetches 311 requests from the 311 data server.
    Retreives 311 requests from the 311 data server for a given start_
    Args:
        start_date: The date from which the 311 request data have to b
        end_date: The date upto which the 311 request data have to be
    Return:
        Dataframe data_final is returned with 15 columns. The datafram
    """

    skip = 0
    all_requests = []
    while True:
        url = f'https://dev-api.311-data.org/requests?start_date={star
        response = requests.get(url)
        data = response.json()
        all_requests.extend(data)
        skip += REQUESTS_BATCH_SIZE
        if len(data) < REQUESTS_BATCH_SIZE:
            break
```

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data_final = pd.DataFrame(all_requests)
data_final.sort_values(by='createdDate', inplace=True, ignore_index=True)
return data_final

def main():
    """Prints out the preview of the dataframe data_final in the comma
    The result is written to a csv file and saved in the current working
    directory"""

    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description='Gets 311 request data from the server')
    parser.add_argument('start_date', type=str,
                        help='The start date that has to be entered')
    parser.add_argument('end_date', type=str,
                        help='The end date that has to be entered')
    args = parser.parse_args()
    start_date = args.start_date
    end_date = args.end_date
    data_final = get_311_request_data(start_date, end_date)
    data_final.to_csv('data_final.csv')
    print(data_final)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

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usage: ipykernel_launcher.py [-h] start_date end_date
ipykernel_launcher.py: error: the following arguments are required: end_date
```

An exception has occurred, use %tb to see the full traceback.

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SystemExit: 2
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/Users/zak/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/IPython/core/interactiveshell.py:3386: UserWarning: To exit: use 'exit', 'quit', or Ctrl-D.
warn("To exit: use 'exit', 'quit', or Ctrl-D.", stacklevel=1)
```

In [8]: #The following cells extract 311 request data for 2022

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data = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 1, 1), datetime.date(2022, 12, 31))
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In [9]: df = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 2, 21), datetime.date(2022, 2, 21))
data = data.append(df)
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/var/folders/2t/4c6543550d10qqbs4q41_600000gn/T/ipykernel_6850/40539
25863.py:2: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated and
will be removed from pandas in a future version. Use pandas.concat instead.

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    data = data.append(df)
```

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In [10]: df = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 4, 21), datetime.date(2022, 4, 21))
data = data.append(df)
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/var/folders/2t/4c6543550d10qqbs4q41_600000gn/T/ipykernel_6850/10208
35562.py:2: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated and
will be removed from pandas in a future version. Use pandas.concat instead.

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    data = data.append(df)
```

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In [11]: df = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 6, 21), datetime.date(2022, 6, 21))
data = data.append(df)
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/var/folders/2t/4c6543550d10qqbs4q41_600000gn/T/ipykernel_6850/29285
4740.py:2: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated and w
ill be removed from pandas in a future version. Use pandas.concat ins
tead.

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    data = data.append(df)
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In [12]: df = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 8, 21), datetime.date(2022, 8, 21))
data = data.append(df)
df = get_311_request_data(datetime.date(2022, 10, 21), datetime.date(2022, 10, 21))
data = data.append(df)
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/var/folders/2t/4c6543550d10qqbs4q41_600000gn/T/ipykernel_6850/13686
11529.py:2: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated and
will be removed from pandas in a future version. Use pandas.concat in
stead.

```
    data = data.append(df)
```

/var/folders/2t/4c6543550d10qqbs4q41_600000gn/T/ipykernel_6850/13686
11529.py:4: FutureWarning: The frame.append method is deprecated and
will be removed from pandas in a future version. Use pandas.concat in
stead.

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    data = data.append(df)
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In [2]: #Data is saved to a CSV for easy access
data.to_csv('/Users/zak/Downloads/311data2022.csv')

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NameError                                 Traceback (most recent call
last)
Cell In [2], line 3
  1 ##response2022 = requests.get('https://dev-api.311-data.org/r
equests?start_date=2022-01-01&end_date=2022-12-31&limit=50000')
  2 #print(response2022)
--> 3 data.to_csv('/Users/zak/Downloads/311data2022.csv')

NameError: name 'data' is not defined
```

In [16]: #Data is explored to ensure consistency
data = pd.read_csv('/Users/zak/Downloads/311data2022.csv')
data.tail()

Out[16]:

		Unnamed: 0	requestId	srnumber	councilId	councilName	typeId	typeName	ager
1080202	225162	11305203		1- 3202588721	34	Harbor Gateway North	4	Bulky Items	
1080203	225163	11305204		1- 3202596921	34	Harbor Gateway North	4	Bulky Items	
1080204	225164	11305205		1- 3202601171	48	Mar Vista	2	Homeless Encampment	
1080205	225165	11305206		1- 3202598501	96	Wilshire Center - Koreatown	4	Bulky Items	
1080206	225166	11305207		1- 3202597761	27	Granada Hills North	4	Bulky Items	

In [17]: *#Subset data to only include request without councils*
`data2022nc = data[data['councilName'] == 'No council']`

In [6]: *##Add map of neighborhood council downloaded from https://geohub.lacit.org*
`council = pd.read_csv('/Users/zak/Downloads/Neighborhood_Councils_(Census).csv')`
`council.head()`

Out[6]:

	OBJECTID	NAME	WADDRESS	DWEBSITE	
0	1	ARLETA NC	http://www.arletanc.org/	http://empowerla.org/ANC	ANC@EmpowerLA
1	2	ARROYO SECO NC	http://www.asnc.us/	http://empowerla.org/ASNC	ASNC@EmpowerLA
2	3	ARTS DISTRICT LITTLE TOKYO NC	http://www.hcncla.org/	http://empowerla.org/HCNC	HCNC@EmpowerLA
3	4	ATWATER VILLAGE NC	http://www.atwatervillage.org/	http://empowerla.org/AVNC	AVNC@EmpowerLA
-	-	BEL AIR- BEVERLY	http://belairbeverly.org/	http://empowerla.org/BABONG	BABONG@EmpowerLA

In [7]: *#load useful mapping library*
`import geopandas as gpd`

In [8]: *##From neighborhood council map shape file, output the map*
`maps = gpd.GeoDataFrame.from_file('/Users/zak/Downloads/Neighborhood_Councils_(Census).shp')`

In [9]: `maps.head()`

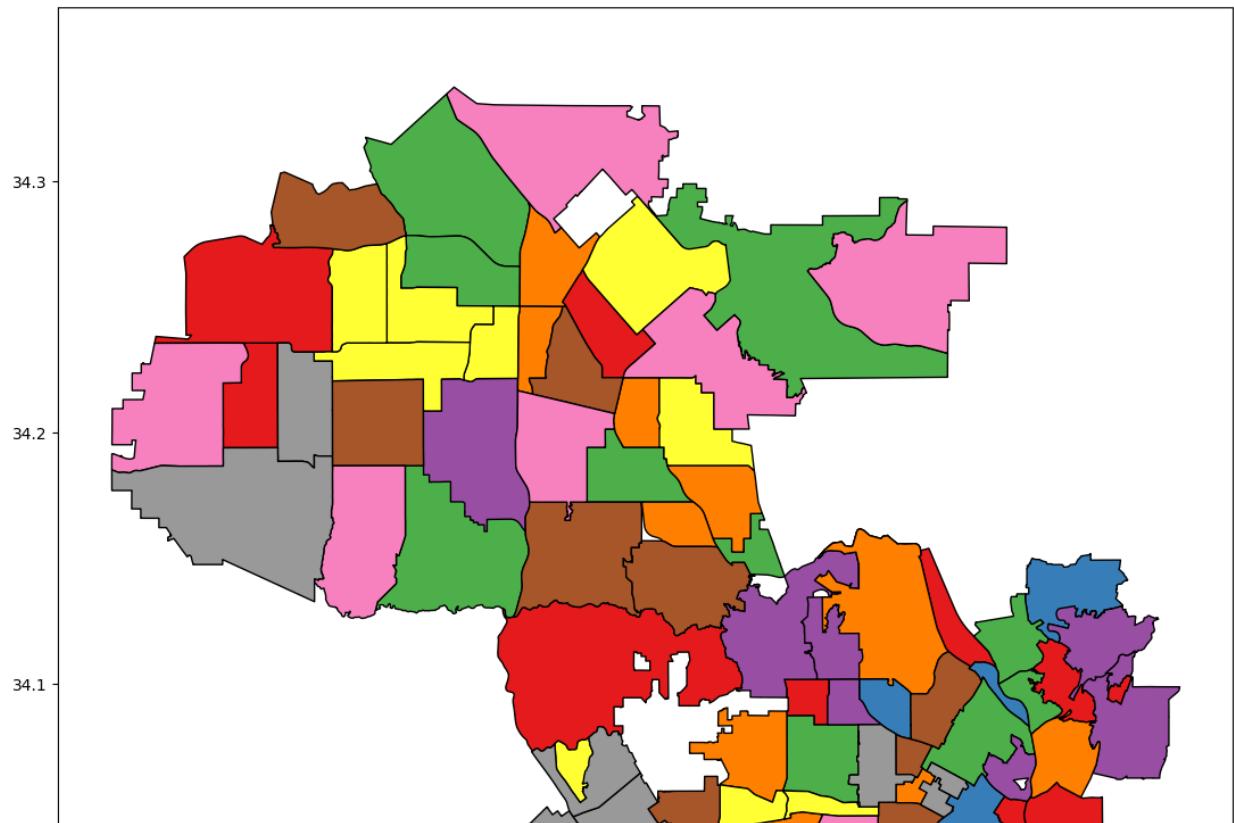
Out[9]:

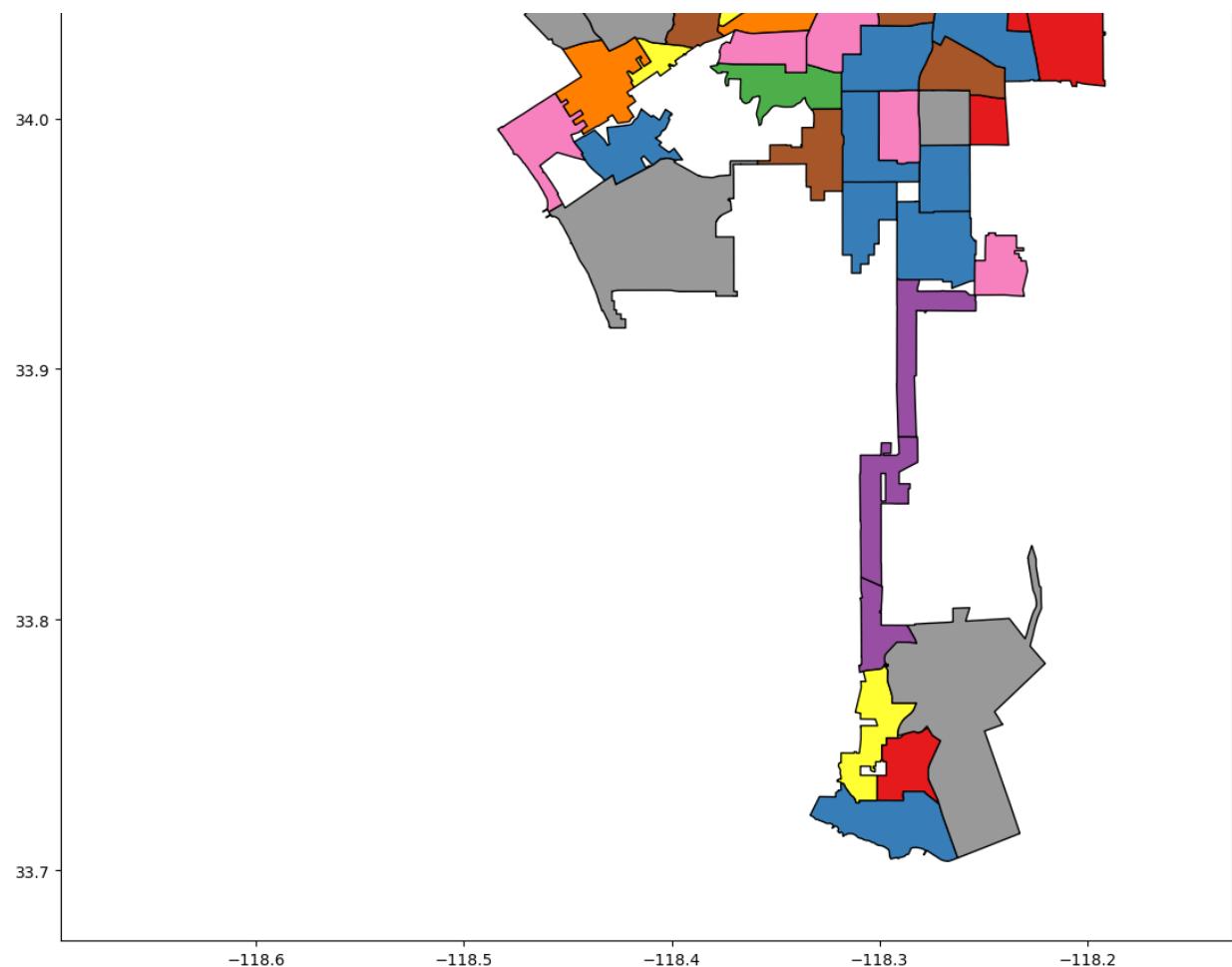
	OBJECTID	NAME	WADDRESS	DWEBSITE	
0	1	ARLETA NC	http://www.arletanc.org/	http://empowerla.org/ANC	ANC@En
1	2	ARROYO SECO NC	http://www.asnc.us/	http://empowerla.org/ASNC	ASNC@En
2	3	ARTS DISTRICT LITTLE TOKYO NC	http://www.hcncla.org/	http://empowerla.org/HCNC	HCNC@En
3	4	ATWATER VILLAGE	http://www.atwatervillage.ora/	http://empowerla.ora/AVNC	AVNC@En

In [10]: *#Plot the map to make sure it works*

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maps.plot(color = 'white', edgecolor = 'black', cmap = 'Set1', figsize = (10, 10))
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Out[10]: <AxesSubplot: >





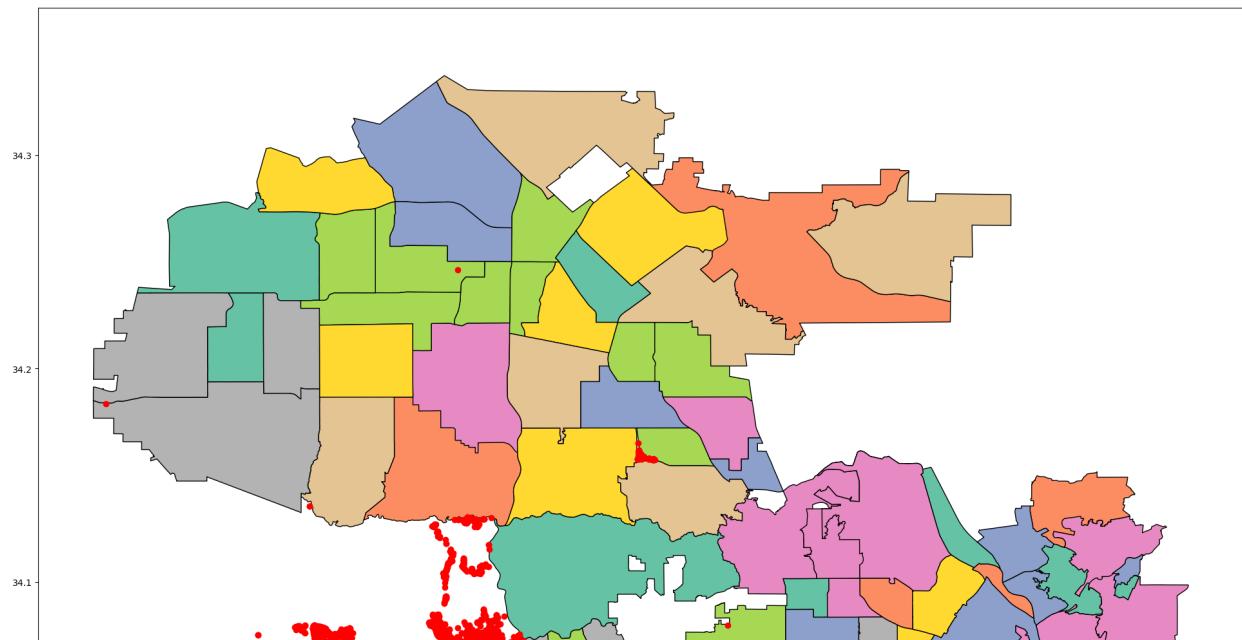
```
In [11]: #Convert request longitude and latitude into points for plotting  
data_points = gpd.GeoDataFrame(  
    data2022nc, geometry=gpd.points_from_xy(data2022nc.longitude, data2022nc.latitude))  
data_points.head()
```

Out[11]:

	Unnamed: 0	requestId	srnumber	councilId	councilName	typeId	typeName	agencyId
137	137	9728261	1-2156024681	0	No council	4	Bulky Items	3
160	160	9269717	1-2156309901	0	No council	2	Homeless Encampment	3
167	167	10613137	1-2156371221	0	No council	8	Single Streetlight	1
170	170	9442913	1-2156385411	0	No council	8	Single Streetlight	1
195	195	11315108	1-2156515861	0	No council	1	Graffiti	4

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In [12]: #Add data points to map shape file
NC_plot = maps.plot(color = 'white', edgecolor = 'black', cmap = 'Set2')
data_points.plot(ax = NC_plot, color = 'red', marker = 'o')
plt.show
```

Out[12]: <function matplotlib.pyplot.show(close=None, block=None)>



From the map above it seems as though there are some 311 request that are not within the LA County Neighborhood Councils.

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In [13]: #Extract only requests that should have a Neighborhood Council, based
mismarked_requests = data_points.sjoin(maps, how="inner", predicate='i
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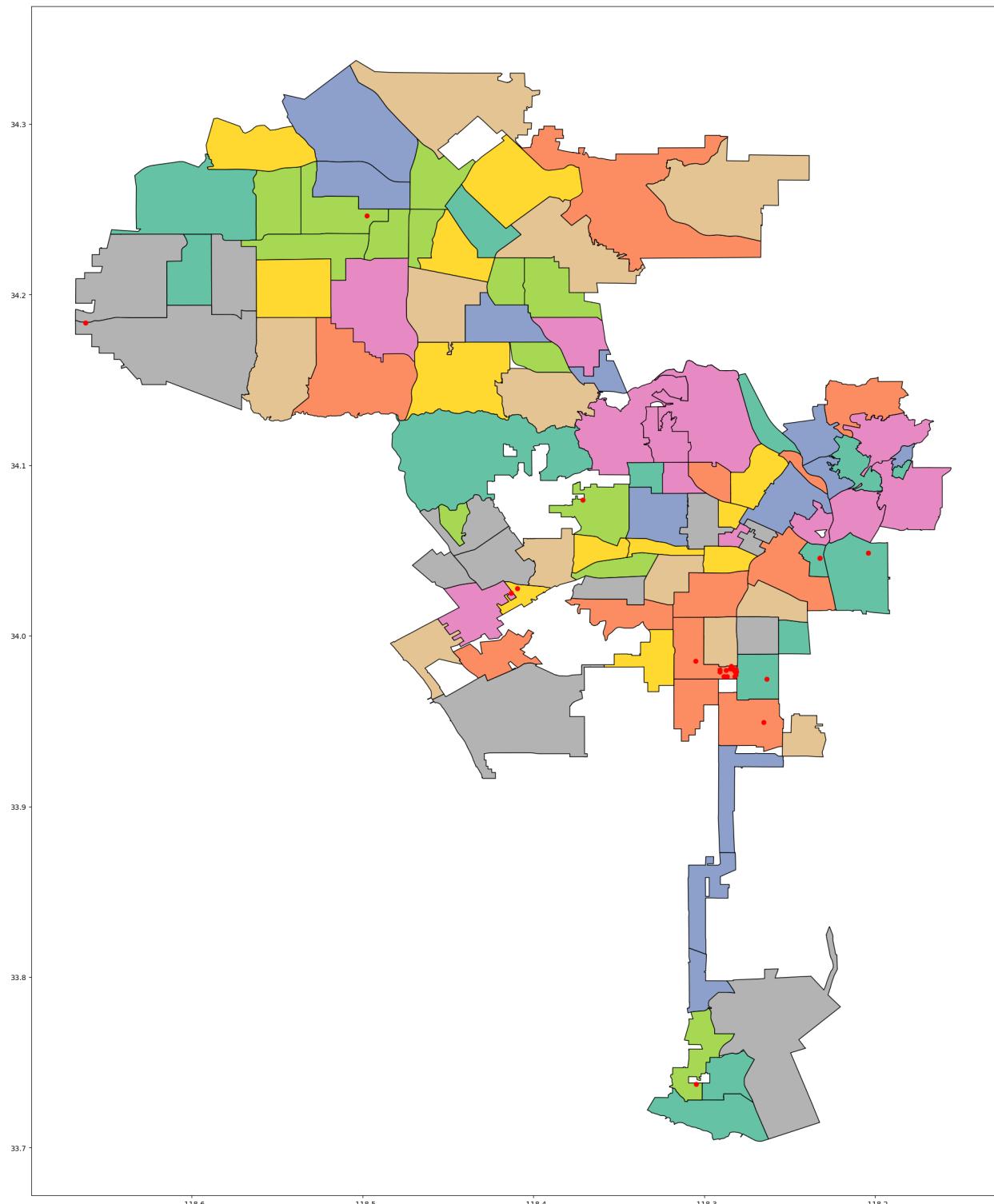
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/Users/zak/opt/anaconda3/envs/geo_env/lib/python3.10/site-packages/geopandas/geodataframe.py:2090: UserWarning: CRS mismatch between the CRS of left geometries and the CRS of right geometries.
Use `to_crs()` to reproject one of the input geometries to match the CRS of the other.
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Left CRS: None
Right CRS: EPSG:4326

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return geopandas.sjoin(left_df=self, right_df=df, *args, **kwargs)
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In [29]: #Plot the requests that are within a council but don't have one in the
NC_plot = maps.plot(color = 'white', edgecolor = 'black', cmap = 'Set2'
mismarked_requests.plot(ax = NC_plot, color = 'red', marker = 'o')
plt.show
```

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Out[29]: <function matplotlib.pyplot.show(close=None, block=None)>
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In [14]: *#Explore these "mismarked requests"*
mismarked_requests

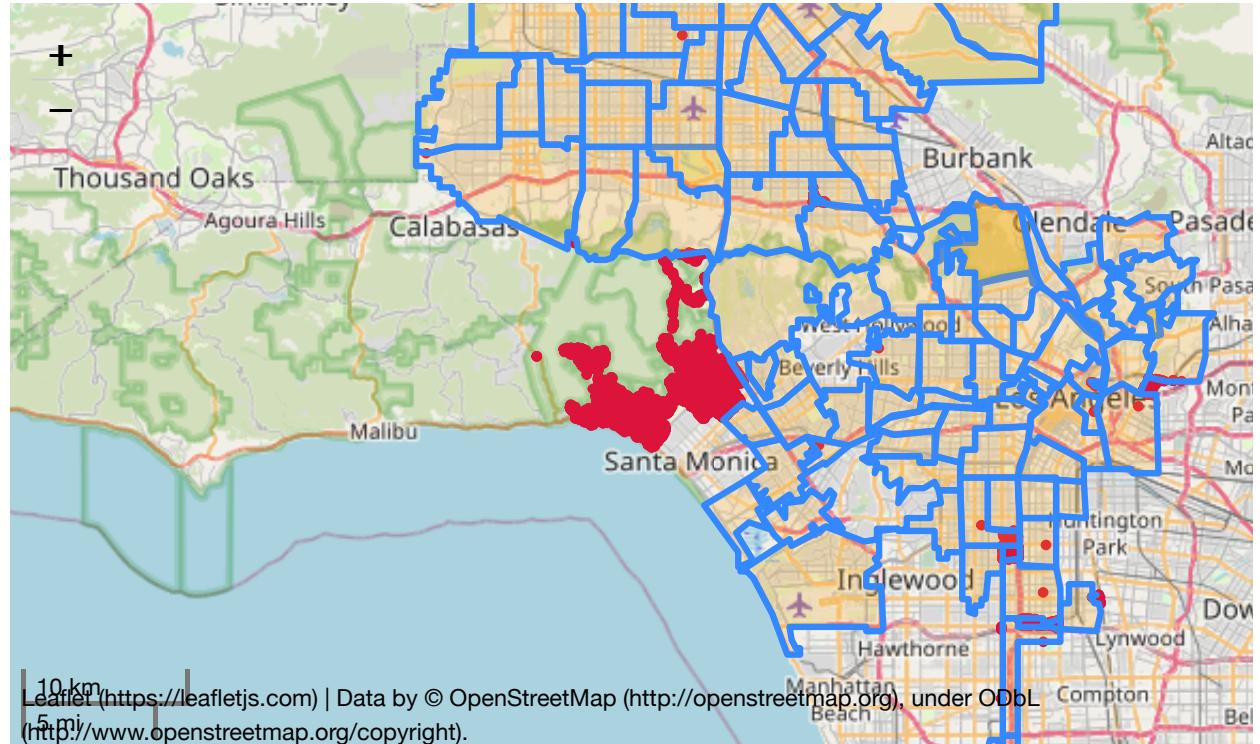
Out[14]:

Unnamed: 0	requestId	srnumber	councilId	councilName	typeId	typeName	lat	lon
137	137	9728261 1- 2156024681	0	No council	4	Bulky Items	37.7749	-122.4219
167	167	10613137 1- 2156371221	0	No council	8	Single Streetlight	37.7749	-122.4219
804	804	9725120 1- 2161105331	0	No council	4	Bulky Items	37.7749	-122.4219
1305	1305	9638271 1- 2163604821	0	No council	1	Graffiti	37.7749	-122.4219

In [57]: *#The following cell plot the requests using Folium (to better control*
`map = folium.Map(location=[34, -118.4], zoom_start=10, control_scale=True)`

```
In [25]: ##output Folium map
for _, r in maps.iterrows():
    # Without simplifying the representation of each borough,
    # the map might not be displayed
    sim_geo = gpd.GeoSeries(r['geometry']).simplify(tolerance=0.001)
    geo_j = sim_geo.to_json()
    geo_j = folium.GeoJson(data=geo_j,
                           style_function=lambda x: {'fillColor': 'orange'
                                         if r['SERVICE_TYPE'] == 'RE'
                                         else 'lightblue'})
    folium.Popup(r['SERVICE_TYPE']).add_to(geo_j)
    geo_j.add_to(map)
map
```

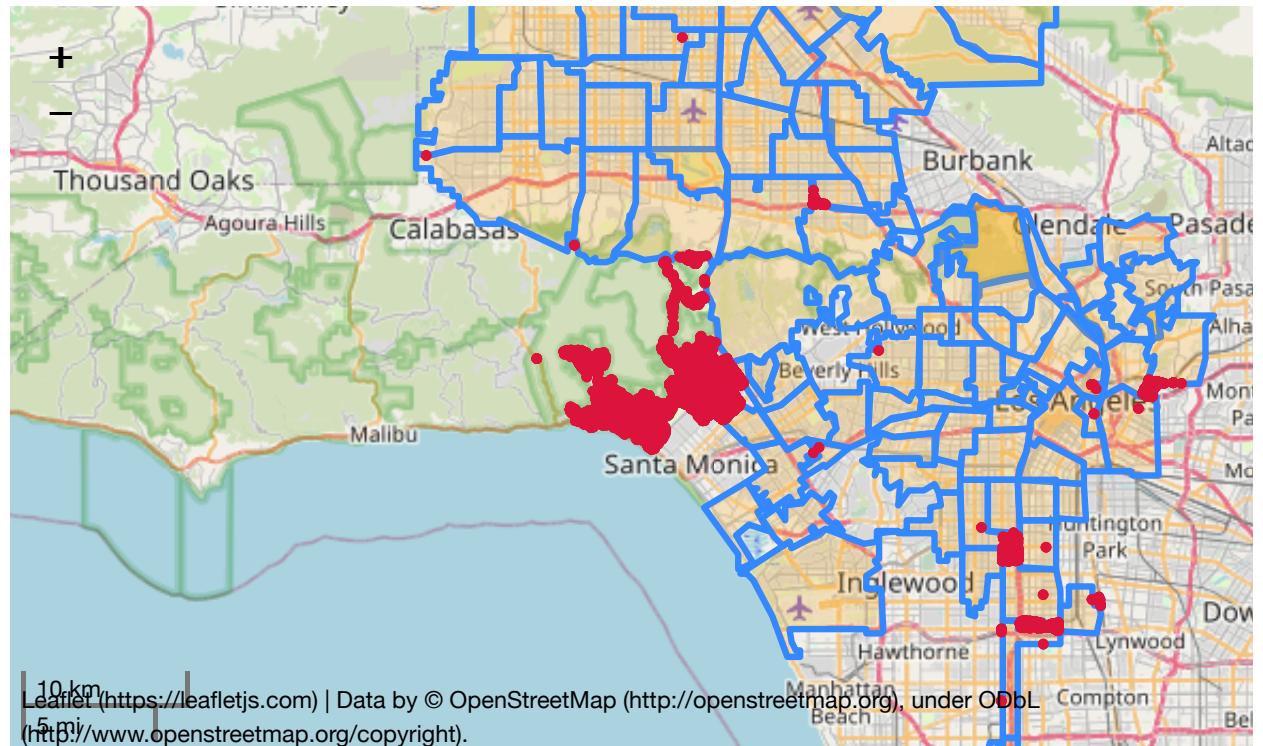
Out[25]:



```
In [28]: #Add points(requests) to Folium map
for i in range(0,len(data2022nc)):

    folium.Circle(
        radius=50,
        location=[data2022nc.iloc[i]['latitude'], data2022nc.iloc[i]['longitude']],
        popup=data2022nc.iloc[i]['typeName'],
        color=["crimson"],
        fill=True,
    ).add_to(map)
map
```

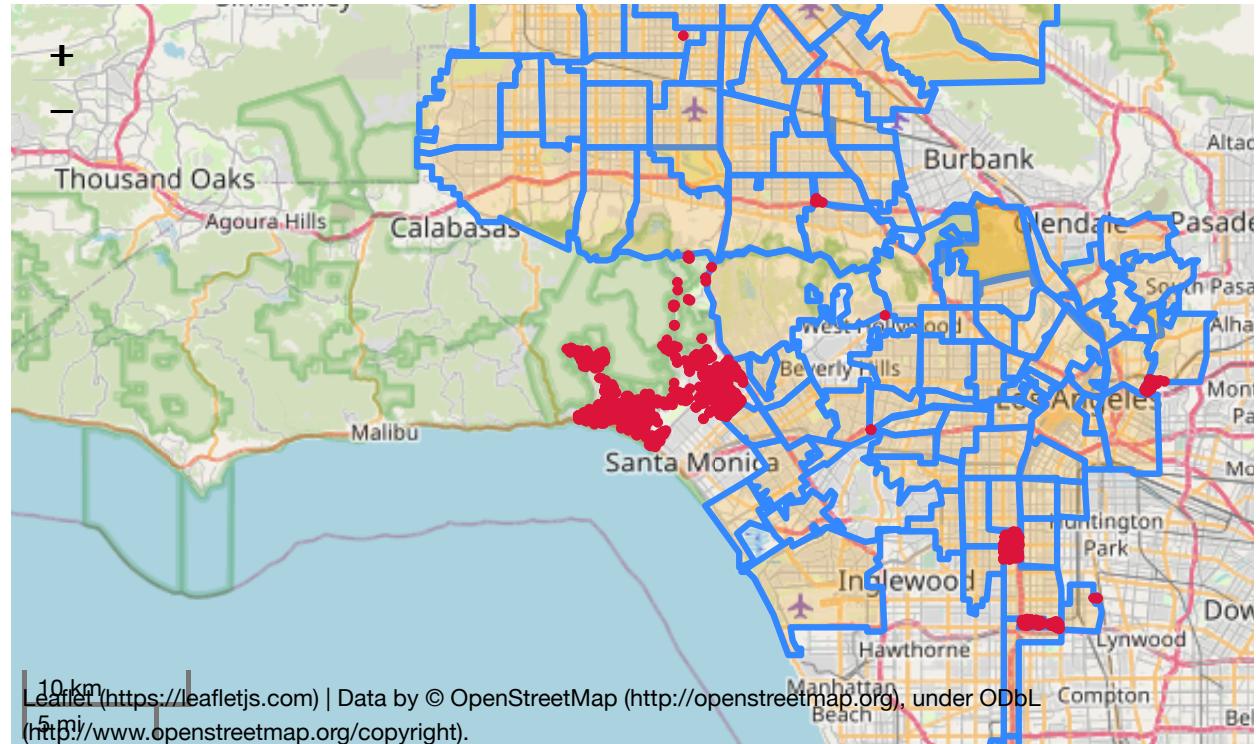
Out [28]:



```
In [29]: #repeat for alternative years (2020)
response2020 = requests.get('https://dev-api.311-data.org/requests?sta
data2020 = pd.json_normalize(response2020.json())
data2020 = data2020[data2020['councilName'] == 'No council']
map2 = folium.Map(location=[34, -118.4], zoom_start=10, control_scale=
for _, r in maps.iterrows():
    # Without simplifying the representation of each borough,
    # the map might not be displayed
    sim_geo = gpd.GeoSeries(r['geometry']).simplify(tolerance=0.001)
    geo_j = sim_geo.to_json()
    geo_j = folium.GeoJson(data=geo_j,
                           style_function=lambda x: {'fillColor': 'ora
    folium.Popup(r['SERVICE_RE']).add_to(geo_j)
    geo_j.add_to(map2)
for i in range(0, len(data2020)):

    folium.Circle(
        radius=50,
        location=[data2020.iloc[i]['latitude'], data2020.iloc[i]['long
        popup=data2020.iloc[i]['typeName'],
        color="crimson",
        fill=True,
    ).add_to(map)
map
```

Out[29]:

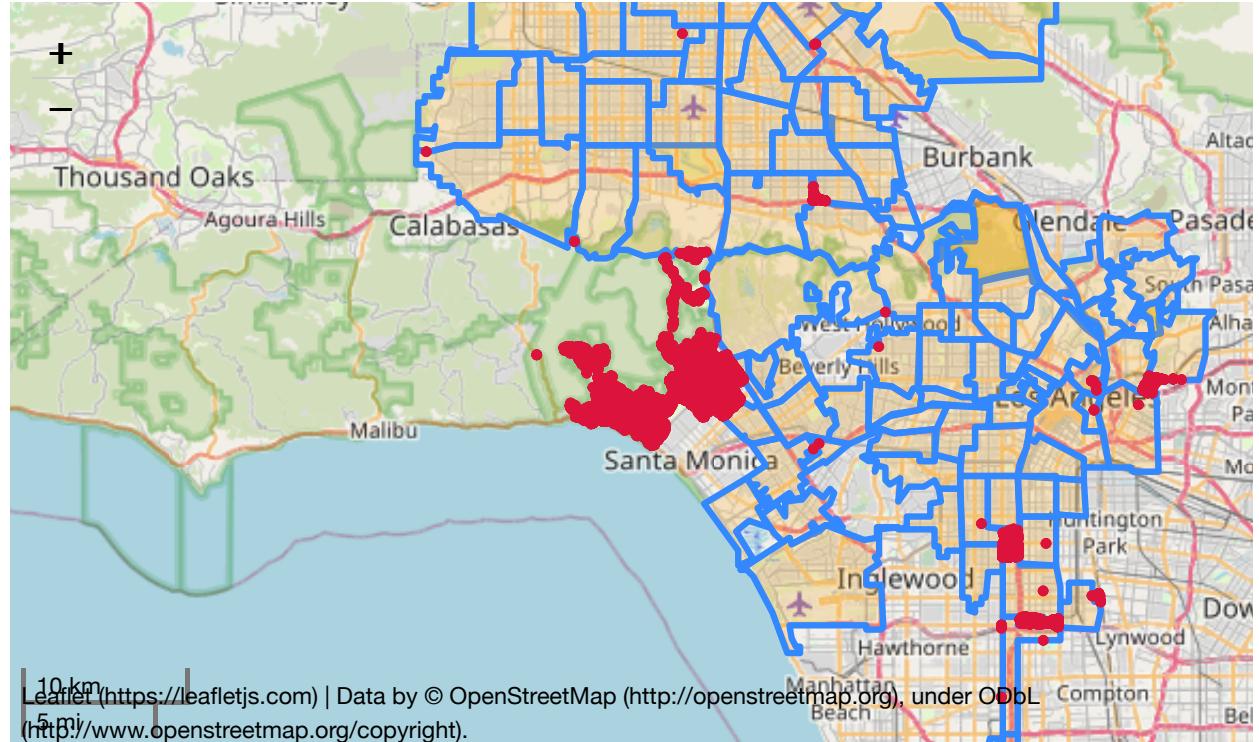


In [30]: ##(2018)

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response2018 = requests.get('https://dev-api.311-data.org/requests?state=CA')
data2018 = pd.json_normalize(response2018.json())
data2018 = data2018[data2018['councilName'] == 'No council']
map2 = folium.Map(location=[34, -118.4], zoom_start=10, control_scale=True)
for _, r in maps.iterrows():
    # Without simplifying the representation of each borough,
    # the map might not be displayed
    sim_geo = gpd.GeoSeries(r['geometry']).simplify(tolerance=0.001)
    geo_j = sim_geo.to_json()
    geo_j = folium.GeoJson(data=geo_j,
                           style_function=lambda x: {'fillColor': 'orange'})
    folium.Popup(r['SERVICE_REQUEST_ID']).add_to(geo_j)
    geo_j.add_to(map2)
for i in range(0, len(data2018)):

    folium.Circle(
        radius=50,
        location=[data2018.iloc[i]['latitude'], data2018.iloc[i]['longitude']],
        popup=data2018.iloc[i]['typeName'],
        color="crimson",
        fill=True,
    ).add_to(map)
map
```

Out [30]:

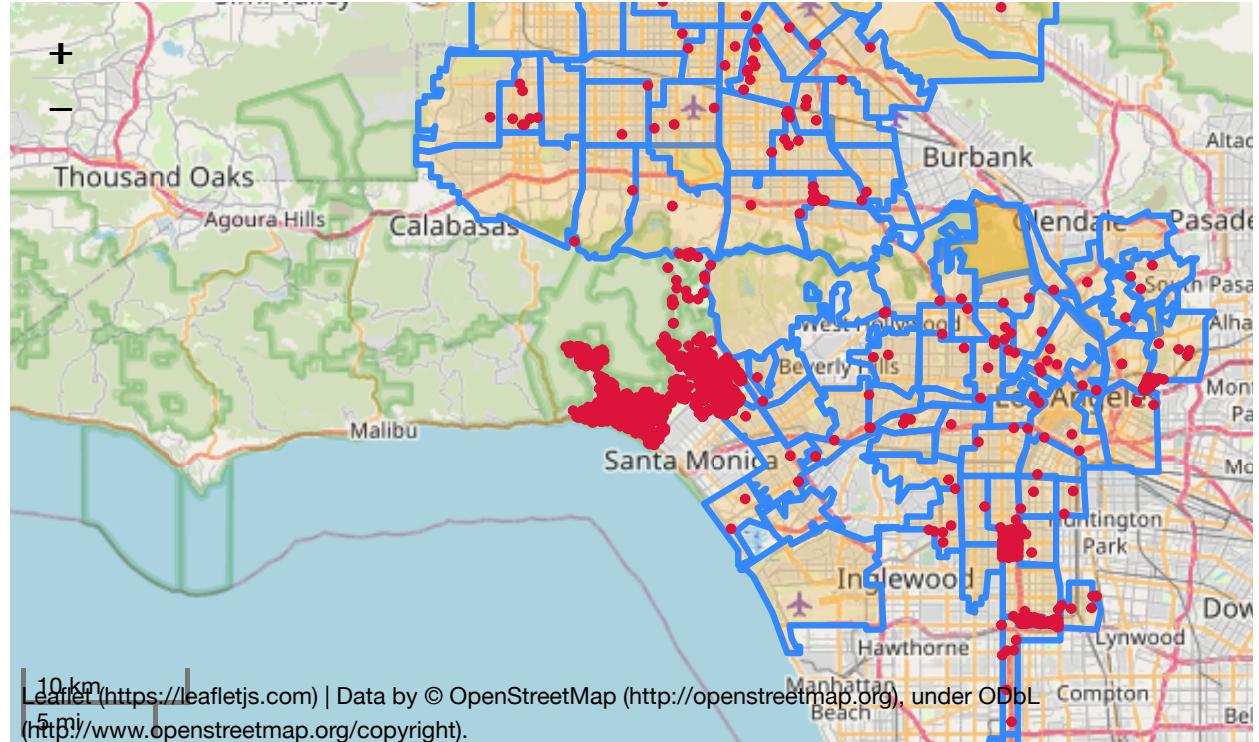


In [31]: ##(2016)

```
response2016 = requests.get('https://dev-api.311-data.org/requests?state=CA')
data2016 = pd.json_normalize(response2016.json())
data2016 = data2016[data2016['councilName'] == 'No council']
map2 = folium.Map(location=[34, -118.4], zoom_start=10, control_scale=True)
for _, r in maps.iterrows():
    # Without simplifying the representation of each borough,
    # the map might not be displayed
    sim_geo = gpd.GeoSeries(r['geometry']).simplify(tolerance=0.001)
    geo_j = sim_geo.to_json()
    geo_j = folium.GeoJson(data=geo_j,
                           style_function=lambda x: {'fillColor': 'orange'})
    folium.Popup(r['SERVICE_REQUEST_ID']).add_to(geo_j)
    geo_j.add_to(map2)
for i in range(0, len(data2016)):

    folium.Circle(
        radius=50,
        location=[data2016.iloc[i]['latitude'], data2016.iloc[i]['longitude']],
        popup=data2016.iloc[i]['typeName'],
        color="crimson",
        fill=True,
    ).add_to(map)
map
```

Out [31]:

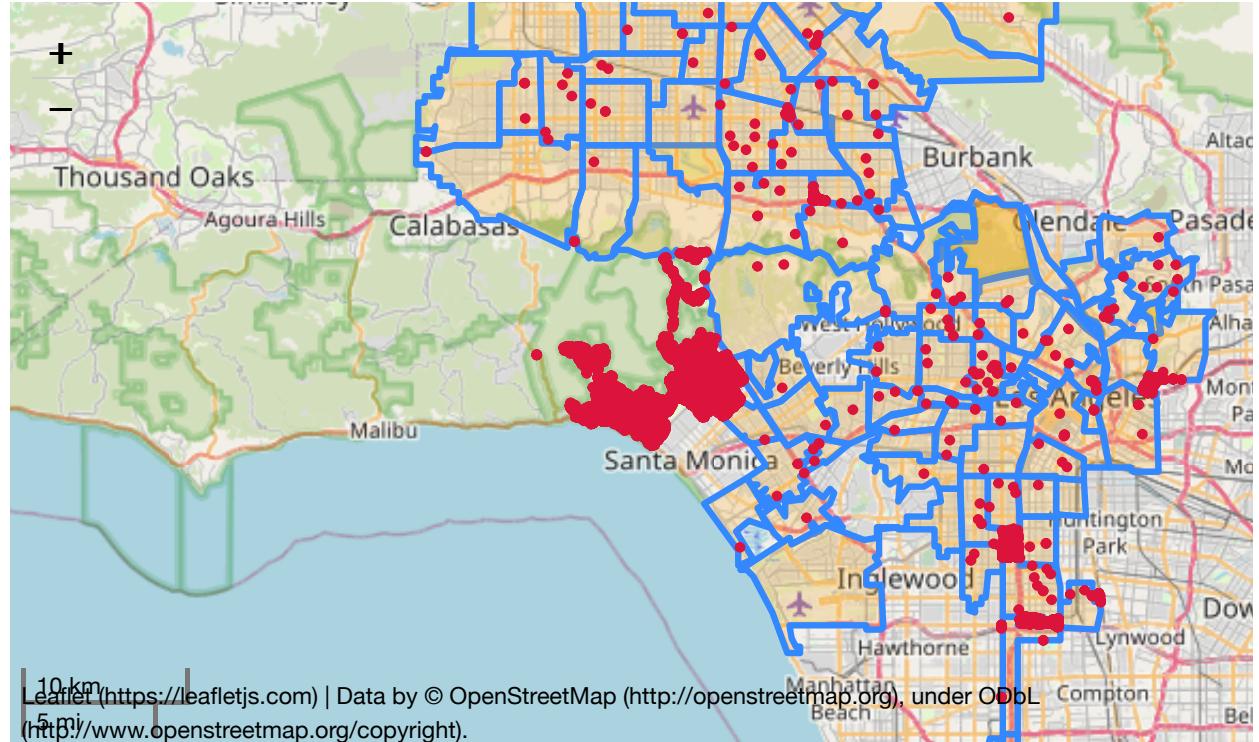


In [31]: ##(2015)

```
response2015 = requests.get('https://dev-api.311-data.org/requests?state=CA')
data2015 = pd.json_normalize(response2015.json())
data2015 = data2015[data2015['councilName'] == 'No council']
map2 = folium.Map(location=[34, -118.4], zoom_start=10, control_scale=True)
for _, r in maps.iterrows():
    # Without simplifying the representation of each borough,
    # the map might not be displayed
    sim_geo = gpd.GeoSeries(r['geometry']).simplify(tolerance=0.001)
    geo_j = sim_geo.to_json()
    geo_j = folium.GeoJson(data=geo_j,
                           style_function=lambda x: {'fillColor': 'orange'})
    folium.Popup(r['SERVICE_REQUEST_ID']).add_to(geo_j)
    geo_j.add_to(map2)
for i in range(0, len(data2015)):

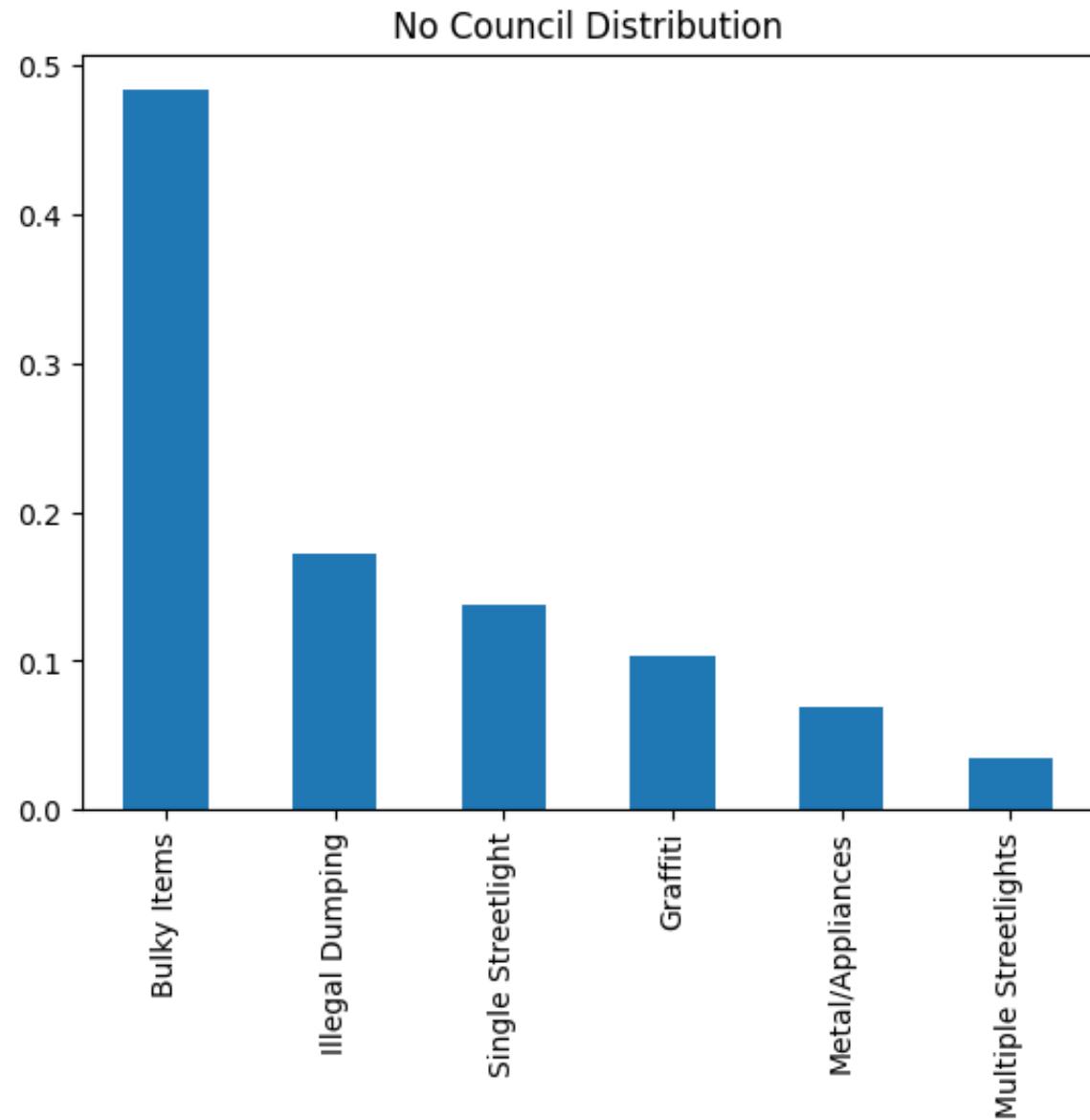
    folium.Circle(
        radius=50,
        location=[data2015.iloc[i]['latitude'], data2015.iloc[i]['longitude']],
        popup=data2015.iloc[i]['typeName'],
        color="crimson",
        fill=True,
    ).add_to(map)
map
```

Out [31]:



```
In [32]: count_nc_types = mismarked_requests['typeName'].value_counts()
total_nc_types = sum(count_nc_types)
percent_nc_types = count_nc_types/total_nc_types
percent_nc_types.plot(kind = 'bar')
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.title('No Council Distribution')
```

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Out[32]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'No Council Distribution')
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In [49]:
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```
#data2022c = data[data['requestId'] not in mismarked_requests['requestId']]
outer = data.merge(mismarked_requests, how='outer', indicator=True, on='requestId')
#perform anti-join
data2022c = outer[(outer._merge=='left_only')].drop('_merge', axis=1)

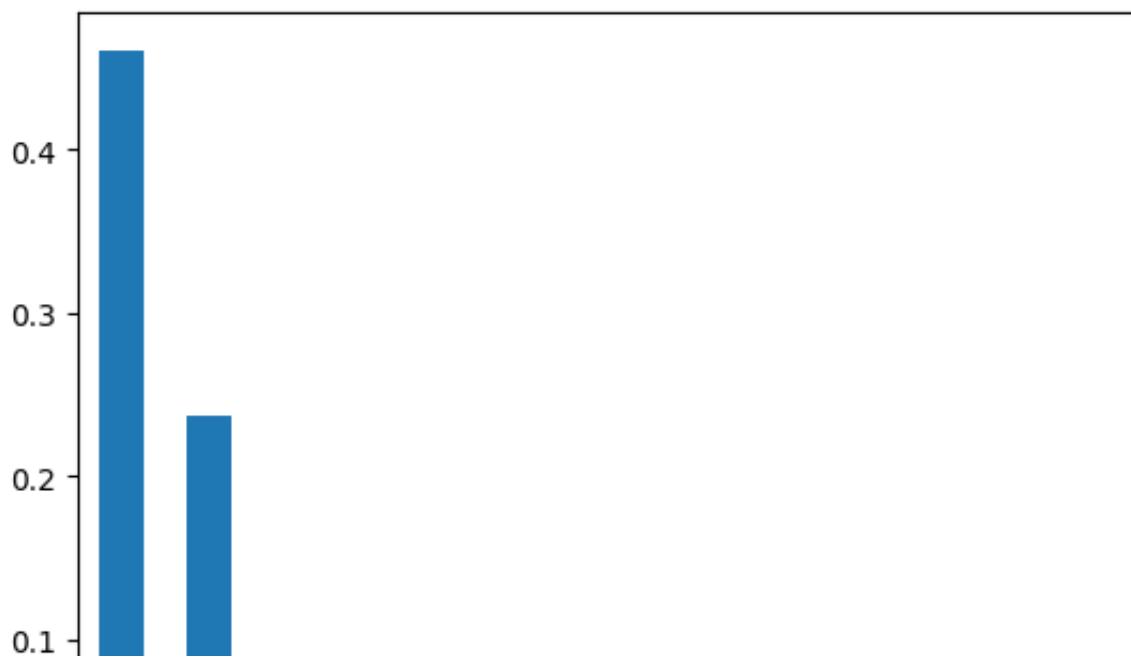
count_c_types = data2022c['typeName_x'].value_counts()
total_c_types = sum(count_c_types)
percent_c_types = count_c_types/total_c_types
percent_c_types.plot(kind = 'bar')
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.title('No Council Distribution')
type(percent_c_types)
percent_c_types
```

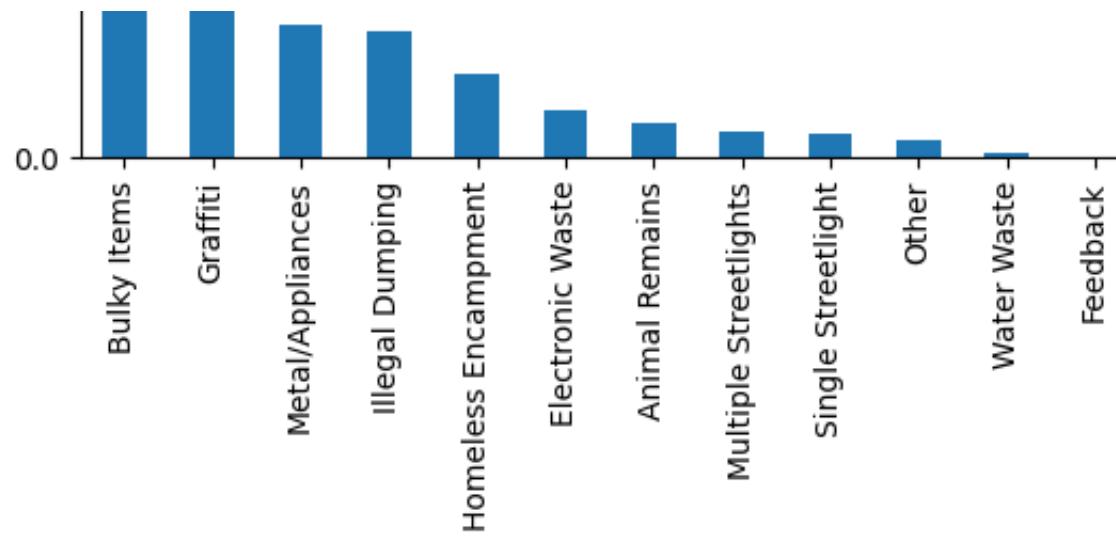
Out[49]:

Bulky Items	0.460572
Graffiti	0.236290
Metal/Appliances	0.081138
Illegal Dumping	0.076739
Homeless Encampment	0.051484
Electronic Waste	0.028584
Animal Remains	0.021134
Multiple Streetlights	0.015948
Single Streetlight	0.014131
Other	0.010346
Water Waste	0.003212
Feedback	0.000421

Name: typeName_x, dtype: float64

No Council Distribution





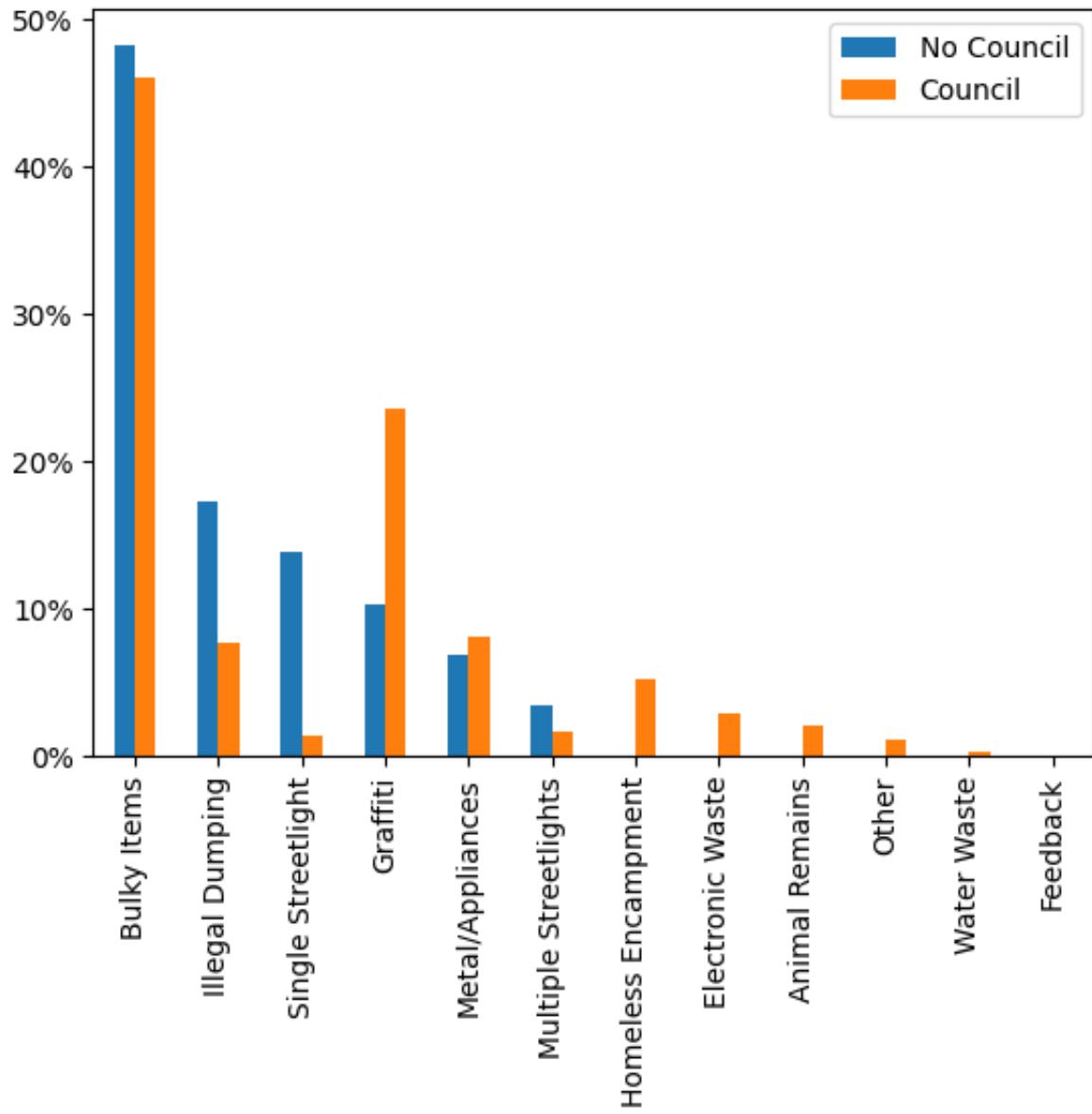
In [48]: `data2022c.head()`

Out [48]:

	requestId	srnumber_x	councilId_x	councilName_x	typeId_x	typeName_x	agencyId_x	age
0	10094555	1-2155026001	27	Granada Hills North	9	Multiple Streetlights	1	St
1	9621995	1-2155027291	77	Sun Valley Area	6	Illegal Dumping	3	
2	9269764	1-2155043921	48	Mar Vista	2	Homeless Encampment	3	
3	9304705	1-2155054991	14	Downtown Los Angeles	9	Multiple Streetlights	1	St
4	9273972	1-2155055281	14	Downtown Los Angeles	9	Multiple Streetlights	1	St

5 rows × 42 columns

```
In [50]: #compare no council requests to requests with a council to see if there  
df = pd.concat([percent_nc_types, percent_c_types], axis=1)  
df.columns=['No Council', 'Council']  
ax = df.plot(kind = 'bar')  
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(mtick.PercentFormatter(1.0))
```



Conclusion: There does not seem to be any relation between 311 requests with a council and requests without a council. Therefore, it is recommended to assign data without councils to councils based on longitude and latitude data.

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In [ ]:
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