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➤ What is a "Community of Interest"?

A Community of Interest (COI) is a geographically connected population which shares common social and economic interests. Examples of such shared interests are:

- Those common to areas such as urban, rural, industrial, or agricultural; as well as geographical such as rivers, mountains, coastal, inland, watershed, etc.
- Those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process; as well as shared common goals.

➤ How can public comment and testimony be given?

The Commission encourages the public to provide testimony in an effort to best identify the unique regional qualities of Communities of Interest. Public comments about Communities of Interest can be submitted in a variety of ways, including:

- In-Person at an Input Hearing which are being held around the state. A schedule of all input hearing locations and dates can be found at the www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov website.
- In writing: public comments can be sent via email to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov or via mail or fax:
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Fax: (916) 651-5711
- Through a community-based organization (CBO): There are many CBOs that are working with communities and presenting testimony to the Commission. Go to: www.RedistrictingCA.org.

➤ How should public testimony at Input Hearings be given?

Each individual at a Public Input Hearing will be given up to 2 minutes to talk about their community to the Commission. It is recommended that the public consider incorporating answers to the questions listed below in an effort to assist the Commission in understanding each Community of Interest.

What bonds your community – what do you see as the common links in your community?

Where is your community located – what are the boundaries of your community?

Why should the community be kept together – or separate from another area?

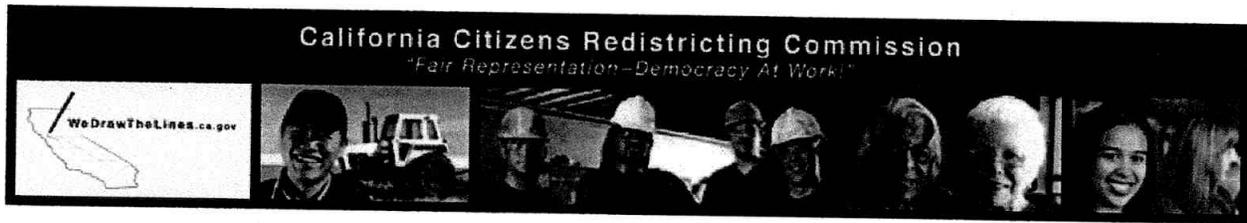
*You need to put streets on the maps
to see a special area. Transparency is important*

Maps are very helpful! Examples include Google Maps, AAA, or even hand-drawn. All maps should clearly state where the county is located (e.g. County/City) as well as its borders (e.g. streets, rivers, railroad tracks, etc.)

➤ Where can I learn more about the *Citizens Redistricting Commission* or redistricting in general?

The Citizens Redistricting Commission's web site offers useful information and important links to redistricting sites and issues throughout California at www.wedrawthelines.o.ca.gov.

*Join us in making California redistricting about "Fair Representation – Democracy at Work!"



PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS ROUND TWO

Now the Commission is beginning a new series of public input hearings to receive additional testimony from the public. On June 10, 2011, the Commission released its first set of Draft Maps for Assembly, Senate, Congress and the Board of Equalization districts.

➤ **How did the Commission decide where to draw the lines?**

The Commission followed the prioritized criteria found in the California Constitution:

1. Draw districts with equal population, based on the U.S. Constitution
2. Comply with the federal Voting Rights Act to ensure minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice.
3. Draw districts that are contiguous, so that a district is connected at all points.
4. Respect cities, counties, communities of interest and neighborhoods to the extent possible without violating the requirements of the preceding criteria.
5. Draw districts to be compact, where practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria.
6. Draw districts to nest within each other, where practicable. For example, one Senate districts contains two Assembly districts, or one Board of Equalization district contains ten Senate districts.
7. Do not consider an incumbent or political candidate's residence in creating a district.

In addition, the Commission relied on testimony provided by the public at 23 input hearings, online, by fax and mail, describing their "communities of interest." This testimony included descriptions of shared common social and economic interests such as similar living standards, similar work opportunities, shared transportation, education systems and health facilities. It also included descriptions of geographic features such as watersheds, mountains, agricultural areas and environmental concerns.

➤ **What information is the Commission looking for in Round Two?**

The Commission needs to hear what the public thinks of the first Draft Maps.

- Do you think the Commission understood your testimony about your community of interest? Do you think we did not have enough testimony about your community of interest?
- Do you have a suggestion that would make your district better reflect the interests of its residents, for example by moving the boundaries to include (or exclude) certain areas?

➤ **How should testimony be given at Round Two Input Hearings?**

Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the Commission Chair will announce the time available for each speaker. This has generally been up to two minutes. If you have written materials for the Commission, they may be handed to staff. In all cases, the more you can describe "why" a community should be together, the more valuable your testimony will be.

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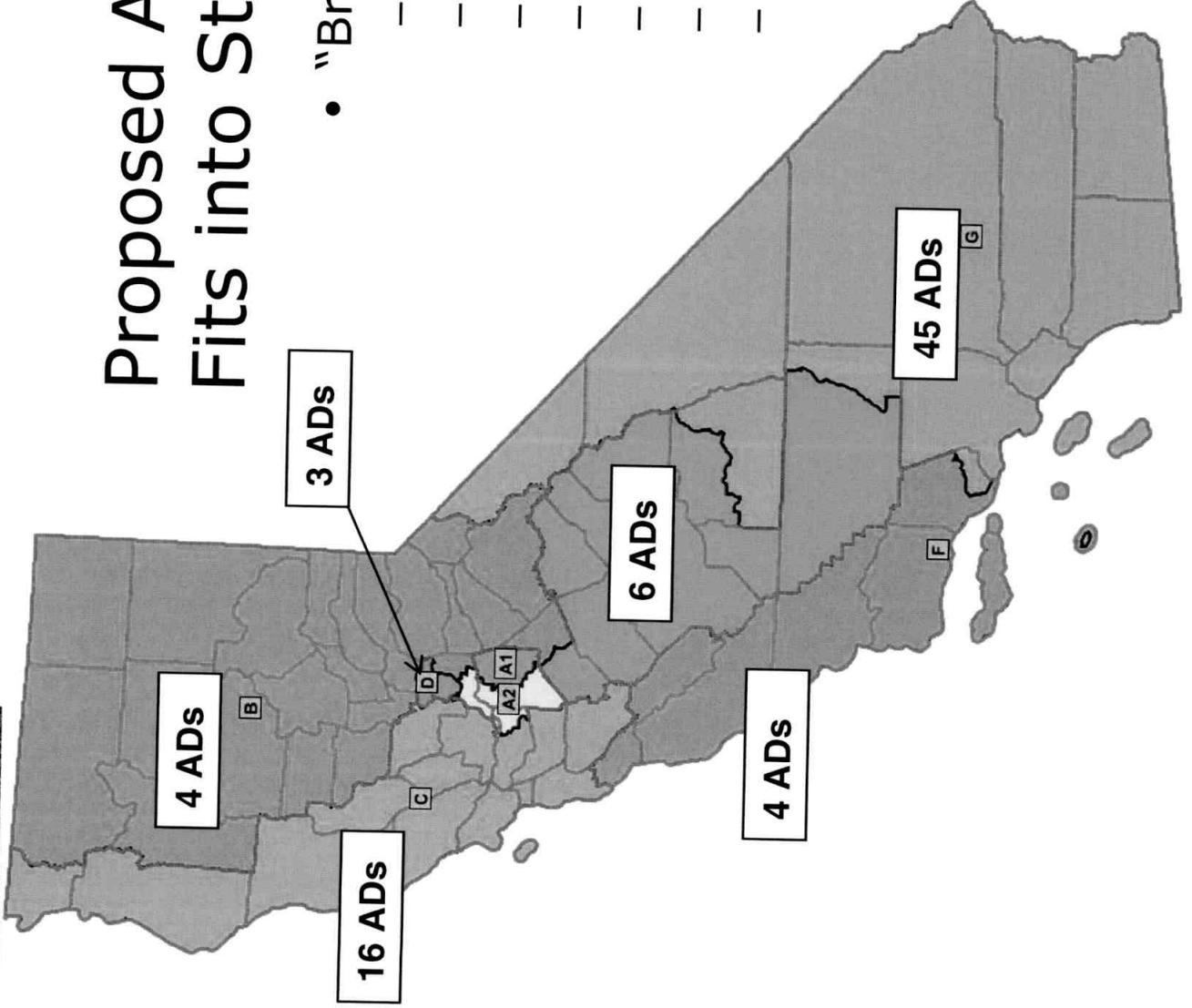
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Additional Information: Fitting In Statewide



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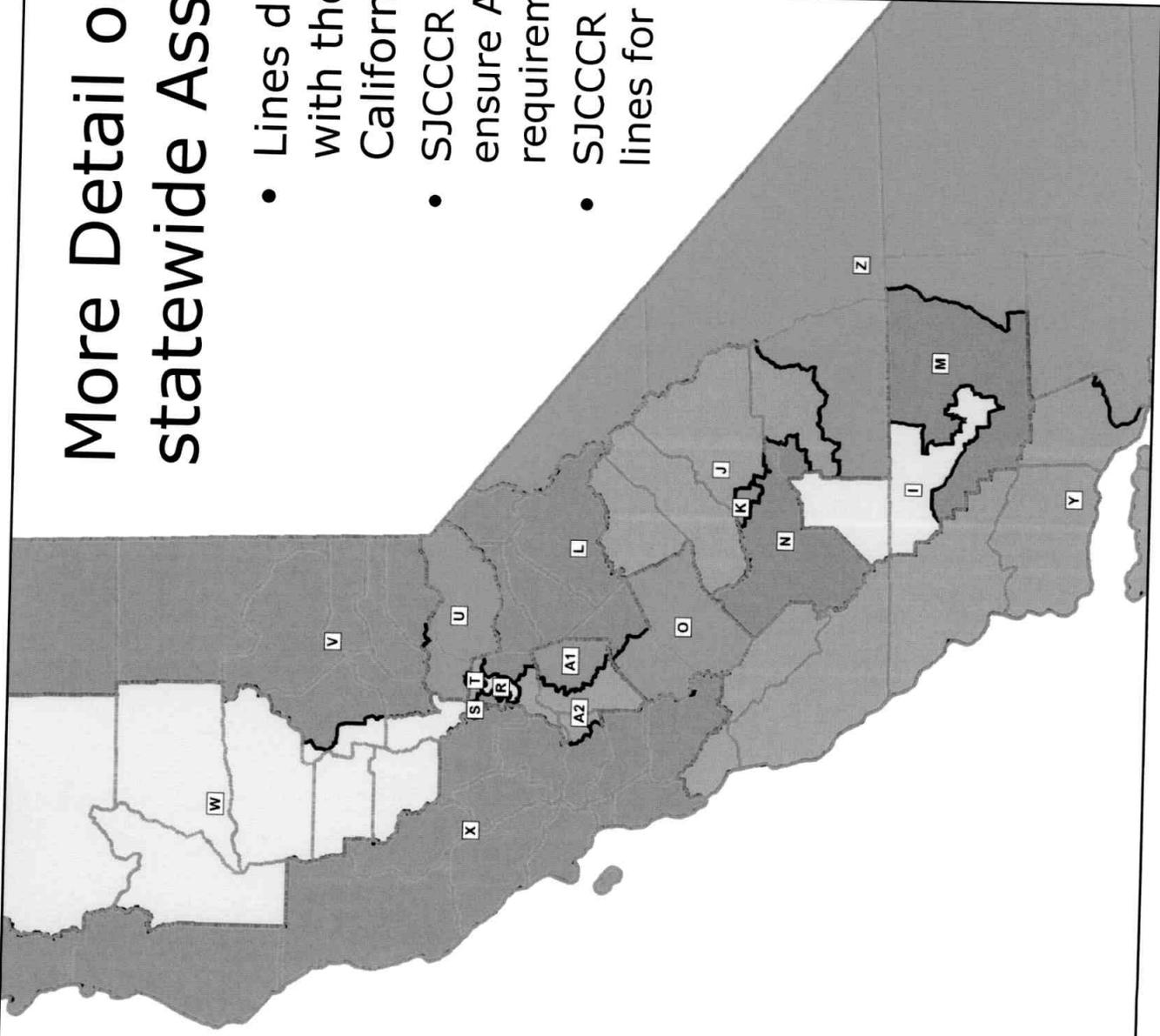
Proposed Assembly District Fits into Statewide Map

- "Bridge" counties between regions:
 - Placer
 - Sacramento
 - Stanislaus
 - Contra Costa
 - Tulare
 - Kern
 - Ventura

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More Detail on illustrative statewide Assembly plan

- Lines drawn to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act and California criteria
- SJCCCR drew illustrative lines to ensure A1 and A2 fit into statewide requirements.
- SJCCCR is not advocating for specific lines for the other districts.



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Plan Deviation

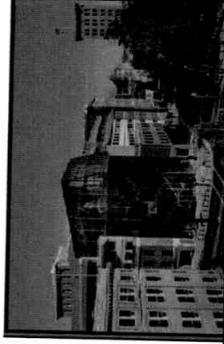
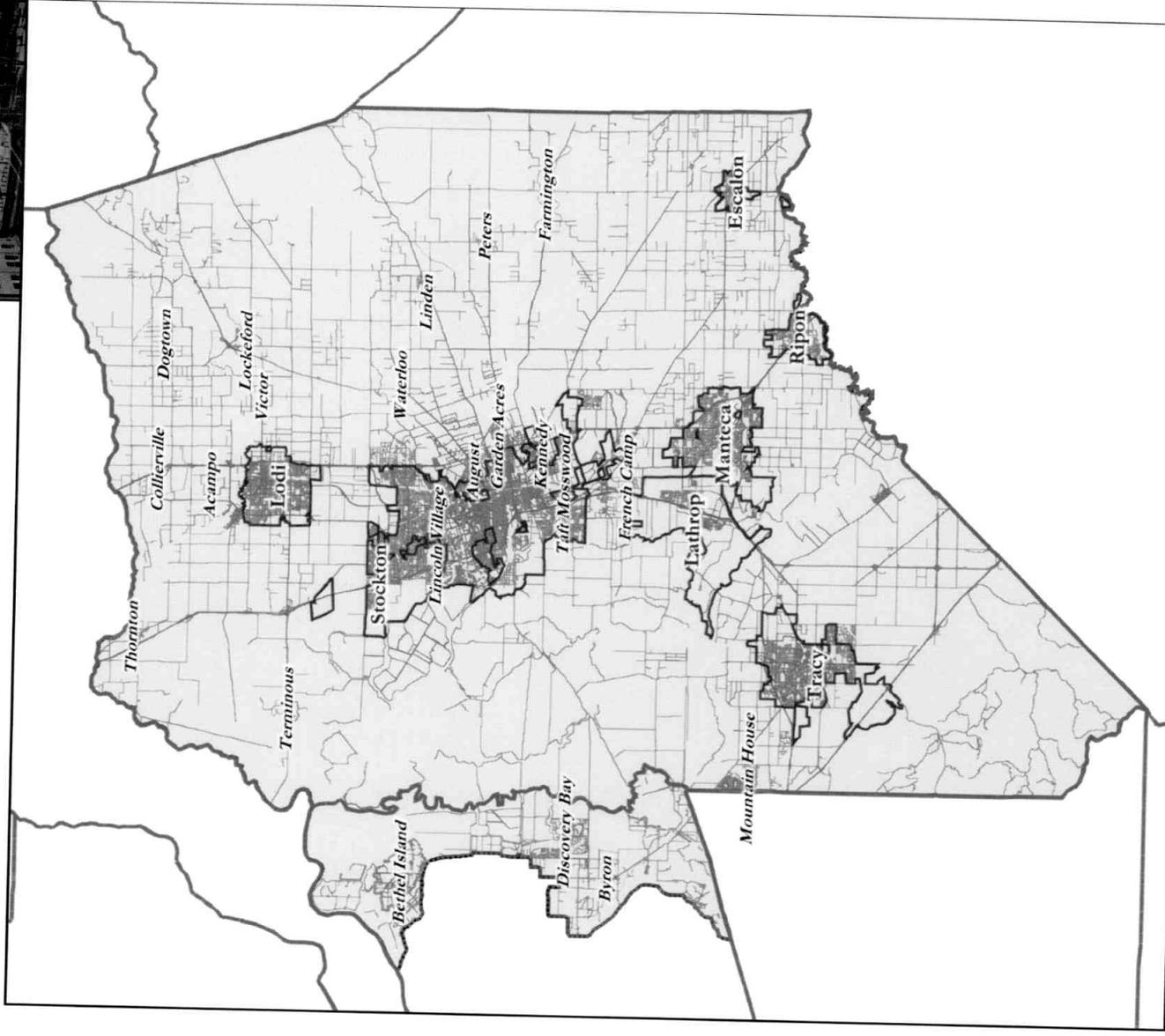
- Each proposed and illustrative Assembly district and region of districts is perfectly balanced (0 people deviation, not just 0%):

District or Area	Population	Districts Included	Deviation Count	Deviation Percent
A	1,859,473	4	0	0.000%
A1	466,915	1	0	0.000%
A2	467,511	1	0	0.000%
B	7,456,473	16	0	0.000%
C	1,398,250	3	0	0.000%
E	1,862,118	4	0	0.000%
F	20,949,372	45	0	0.000%
I	466,220	1	0	0.000%
J	462,027	1	0	0.000%
K	467,002	1	0	0.000%
M	463,678	1	0	0.000%
N	469,776	1	0	0.000%
O	465,141	1	0	0.000%
Total	37,253,956			
Ideal	465,674			

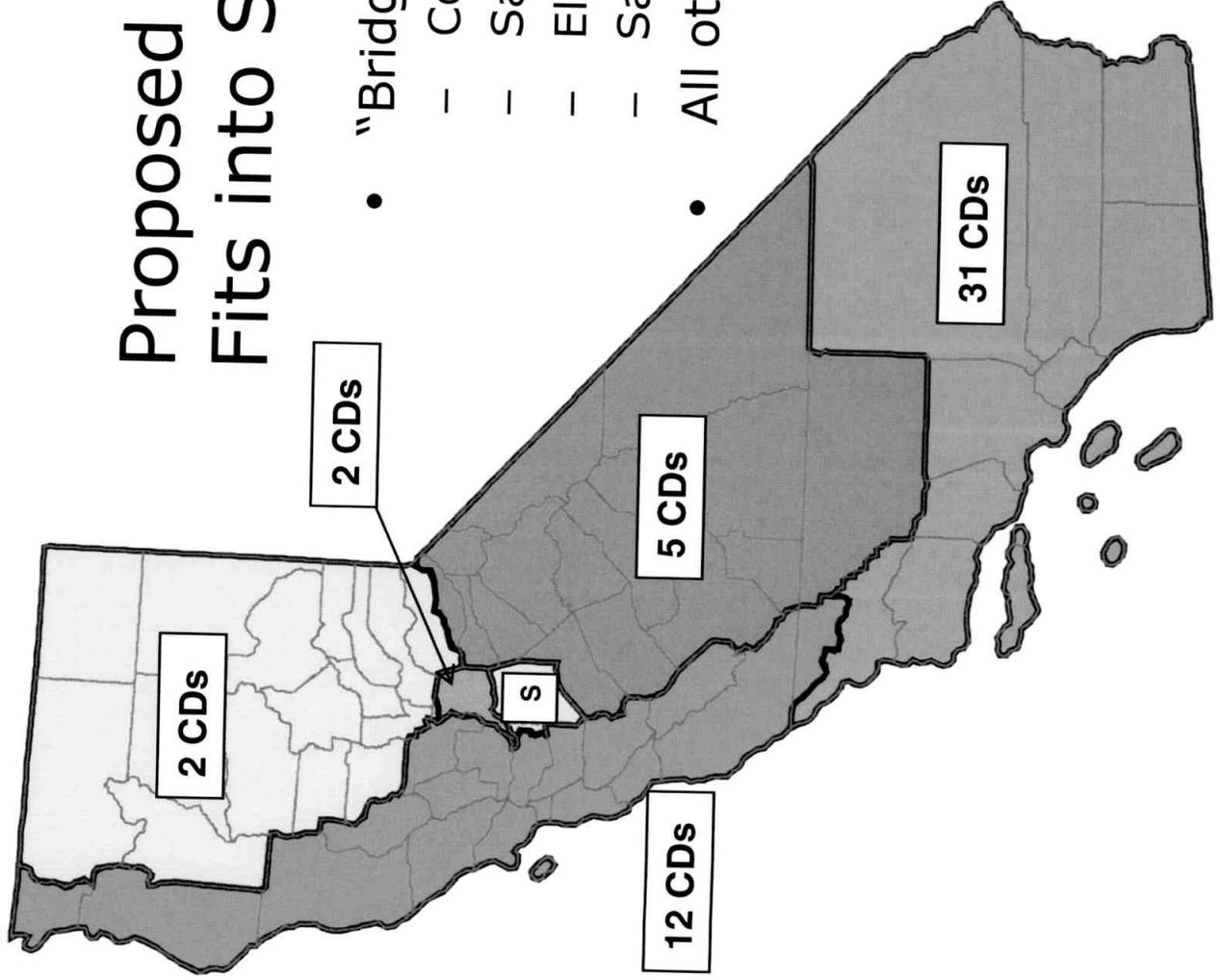
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Congress

- Allows two ADs completely in Sacramento County, plus small portion of one more.
- Coastal region: Contra Costa is again "bridge" to Central Valley. No other counties split from San Luis Obispo County to Oregon.
- Stanislaus is also unsplit, as it is combined in a district with Mono to Amador counties. No "Stockton Finger" is needed.
- Another district is made by combining Merced County, southwestern Madera County, and south Fresno (city & county). Latino voting strength in this district increases notably.
- Current CD 20 is much more compact (and keeps Kings Co.) and increases Latino voting strength.



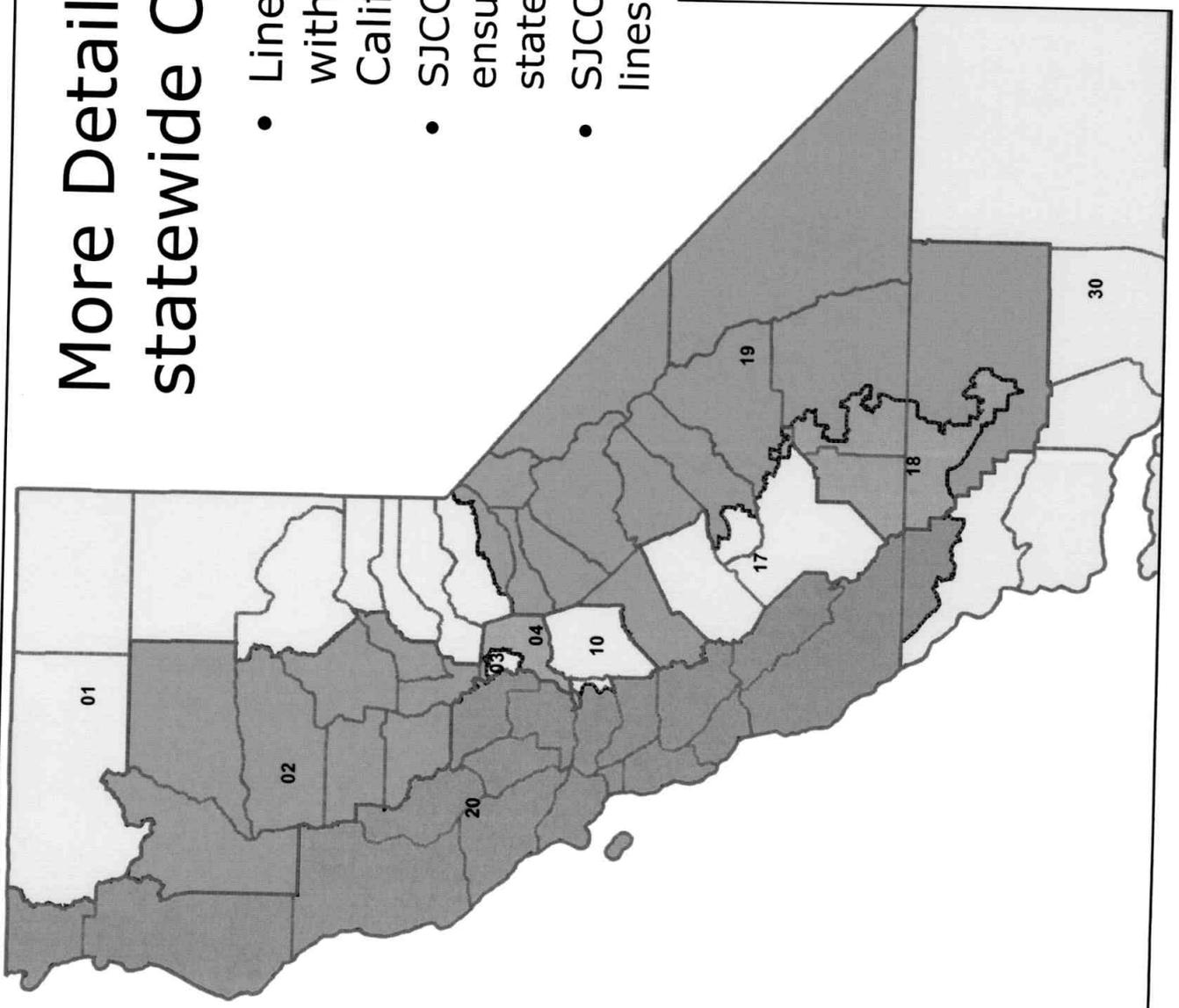
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Proposed Congressional District Fits into Statewide Map

- "Bridge" counties between regions:
 - Contra Costa
 - San Luis Obispo
 - El Dorado
 - Sacramento
- All other county borders followed.

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More Detail on illustrative statewide Congressional plan

- Lines drawn to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act and California criteria
- SJCCCR drew illustrative lines to ensure San Joaquin CD fit into statewide requirements.
- SJCCCR is not advocating for specific lines for the other districts.

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Plan Deviation

- Each proposed and illustrative Congressional district and region of districts is perfectly balanced (0 people deviation, not just 0%):

Area	Population	Districts	Deviation Count	Deviation Percent
1	708,428	1	0	0.00%
2	703,214	1	0	0.00%
3	700,668	1	0	0.00%
4	694,289	1	0	0.00%
10	709,137	1	0	0.00%
15	704,606	1	0	0.00%
17	698,364	1	0	0.00%
18	704,169	1	0	0.00%
19	1,406,164	2	0	0.00%
20	9,137,767	13	0	0.00%
30	21,087,150	30	0	0.00%
Total	37,253,956			
Ideal	702,905			

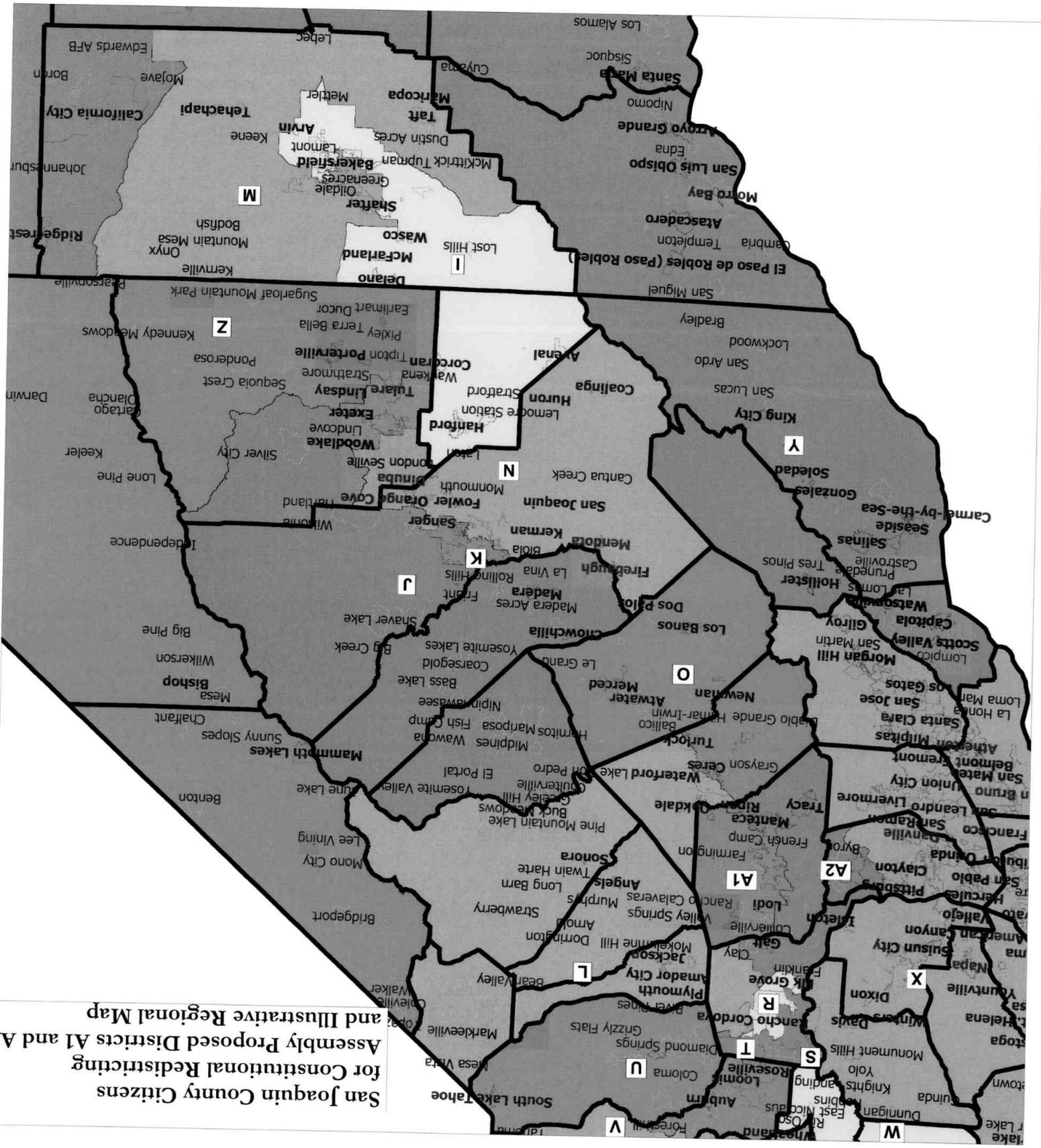
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Other Districts

- Drafted all districts or district "regions"
 - Specific LA and coastal districts not drawn, but regions are population balanced
- Improved Latino voting strength in local districts

Hispanic/Latino Citizen Voting Age Population		Current		Proposed	
Current District	Changes	Special Tabulation	ACS 5-year	Special Tabulation	ACS 5-year
CD18	Loses "Stockton Finger." More compact, more effective Merced/Madera/Fresno district Somewhat more compact, and more effective	34.19%	34.15%	46.27%	45.95%
CD20	Bakersfield / Kings / Tulare district	50.63%	50.34%	52.34%	50.64%
AD17	A more compact, more effective Merced/Stanslaus district	34.94%	34.78%	36.91%	36.86%
AD30	More compact, more effective Bakersfield / Kings district More compact, more effective	46.88%	46.67%	47.14%	46.89%
AD31	Coalinga/SW Fresno AD with a small part of NW Tulare County.	53.10%	52.96%	55.67%	55.05%

**San Joaquin County Citizens
for Constitutional Redistricting
and Illustrative Regional Map
for Proposed Districts A1 and A2**



My Testimony

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My name is Sandra Mendosa and I am live/work in the community of Pico Union

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I am here today to share my perspectives on the First Draft maps. The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

As a member of the Central American community,
I am being split and displaced w/ communities like
Beverly Hills, Culver City

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community. (state the neighborhoods):

Pico Union Vermont Square
Westlake USC Village
Korea Town where a large number of
Central Americans reside

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

Culver City
Beverly Hills
W.L.A.

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities:

Keep the Pico Union, Westlake, Koreatown together.

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities:

I can be reached at (add phone or email) [REDACTED]

Signature [Signature] Date 6/16/11

My Testimony

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06.16.11 CA -

My name is CE SAR CAMACHO and I am live/work in the community of

PICO/UNION

I am here today to share my perspectives on the First Draft maps. The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

NOT CONSIDERING "COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST" THE MAPS DONT REFLECT LA'S POPULATION GROWTH.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community. (state the neighborhoods):

SOUTH CENTRAL, KOREA TOWN, EAST LA, WEST LAKE

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

PACIFIC PALISADES, BEVERLY HILLS

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities:

PACIFIC PALISADES, BEVERLY HILLS

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities:

south central

I can be reached at (add phone or email)



Signature

Date

6/16/11

My Testimony

Culver
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My name is Alex Sanchez and I am live/work in the community of

Pico Union / Westlake 70% Latino

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I am here today to share my perspectives on the First Draft maps. The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way:

I feel we have been isolated from the larger Latino Community. Draft Maps do not meet Community Common interests.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community. (state the neighborhoods):

Pico Union / Westlake share interest with communities south of the 10 freeway to Florence. largely Latino immigrant.

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods):

Miracle Mile, Does not share interest in providing alternatives for youth violence. Many social, cultural and economic differences

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities:

Keep Latino Communities together based on growth results on census. Remove Pico Union / Westlake from miracle mile

My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities:

Pico Union / Westlake communities should be drawn to communities Central and South District. where they will be represented; Wilton to Alameda / Oakland to Florence

I can be reached at (add phone or email)



Signature

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Date

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My name is Linia Johnson #79 white
and I live/work in South Los Angeles and Inglewood, CA

(Describe any non-partisan organizations in South L.A./statewide in which you may be involved and people you may be representing through your testimony)

Community Activist, Author of the book "I WAS there Famous trials, trips, tragedies and triumphs; My life as a L.A. Activist. And also A Concerned Citizen."
www.IWASTHEREtheBook.com

(State whether you can elect a candidate of choice in the Assembly, Senate or Congressional district drawn by the CRC in the first draft maps/whether you believe that the district accurately reflects your communities of interest.)

The Inglewood 35th district(s) in the draft maps IGWSG

(How should the neighborhoods/communities be included/excluded? Identify social and economic differences/similarities. How should the lines be revised, if at all? Be specific.)

Reverse what you changed and give LAX, Westchester and Marina Del Rey back to the Inglewood District. My testimony would concur with the statement by Marquise Harris-Dawson. I strongly back the testimony and the quest that he made to you. It would affect our community if we lose the LAX, Marina Del Rey, & Westchester Congressional representation.



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MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE-LOS ANGELES
NEW YORK TOLERANCE CENTER
CENTER FOR HUMAN DIGNITY-JERUSALEM

Rabbi Meyer H. May
Executive Director

May 9, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

We request that this letter be entered into the record for the Los Angeles County region regarding redistricting considerations.

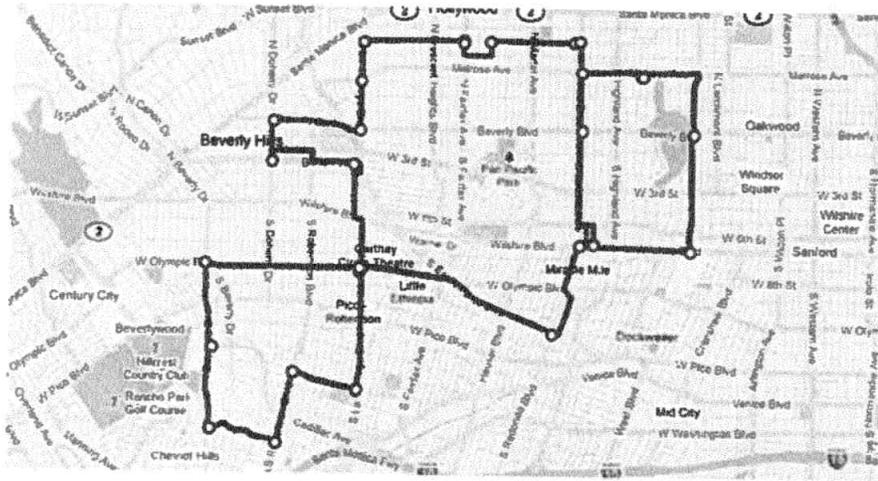
The Los Angeles Orthodox community constitutes roughly one-quarter to one-fifth of Los Angeles' 621,000 Jewish population, and is made up of a combination of Modern Orthodox and Hasidic Jews, most of whom trace their roots to Eastern European Jewish populations that moved to the area from the 1930s to the 1960s or Middle East Jewish populations that moved here from the 1970s to the 1990s.

We follow strict religious observance as set forth in the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. We do not operate cars or machinery on Saturdays and worship and conduct education separated by gender. We also follow strict rules regarding preparation of food, which requires that we only shop at stores and restaurants that follow these rules and are certified by a rabbi that they have done so.

Because of our deep religious observance and limitations on our transportation on the Sabbath, these populations tend to focus on tightly-knit neighborhoods in the Beverly-Fairfax area, Hancock Park and Pico Robertson/Beverlywood (see the map below), with smaller populations in southern Beverly Hills and Valley Village in the San Fernando Valley.

The communities in the Los Angeles Basin are particularly interdependent, sharing their own ambulance service (Haztolah), utilizing the only Jewish hospital in the region at Cedar Sinai and attending over 20 small private schools and forty or more synagogues in the area.

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We have strong representation on the three neighborhood councils covering the region (South Robertson, MidCity-West and Greater Wilshire), all of whose borders also closely mirror those of our community.

Most of our businesses are locally owned, in walking distance, and cater to the needs of the religiously observant in the neighborhood.

In the past, our Los Angeles Basin communities have been divided between districts, such as between the 42nd and 47th Assembly District, the 23rd and 26th Senate District and the 30th and 33rd Congressional District. Only our County Supervisorial district has kept our community representation whole.

Because of the distinct character of our community and the importance of having representation that understands our unique cultural and religious observances, we would like to set forth in the strongest terms our desire to keep our representation under a single Assembly, State Senate and Congressional district, uniting the Beverly-Fairfax, Hancock Park and Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood areas into single districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Meyer H. May