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Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON FIRST DRAFT DISTRICT MAPS

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

The City of La Mirada has reviewed the first draft district maps released by the Commission on Friday, June 10. We recognize preparing the maps is a challenging task, and appreciate your efforts in retaining all of La Mirada within each of the districts.

Upon reviewing the maps, the City has some concerns. The proposed district boundaries for U.S. Congress and State Senate combine La Mirada with other areas that do not have much in common regionally with La Mirada. The proposed State Senate District groups La Mirada with cities located as far north as the 210 Freeway such as Baldwin Park, Irwindale, Covina and El Monte, but excludes cities like Norwalk, which shares a school district and Sheriff's station with La Mirada, and Santa Fe Springs, which cooperates with the City of La Mirada on projects like the Valley View Grade Separation, I-5 Freeway Expansion, and High Speed Rail.

The proposed districts should group cities with similar regional interests or shared public safety, fire protection services, and school districts. La Mirada works closely with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) on regional environmental and transportation issues and would be better served by being grouped with more cities from the Gateway region. La Mirada should be included with cities that it has more of a regional connection, like Cerritos, Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk, and even Orange County cities such as Buena Park and Fullerton.

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I respectfully request the Commission consider these regionally significant relationships with other cities when drawing the final boundaries.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

Steve Jones
Mayor

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Gabriel P. Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem

Steve De Ruse, D. Min.
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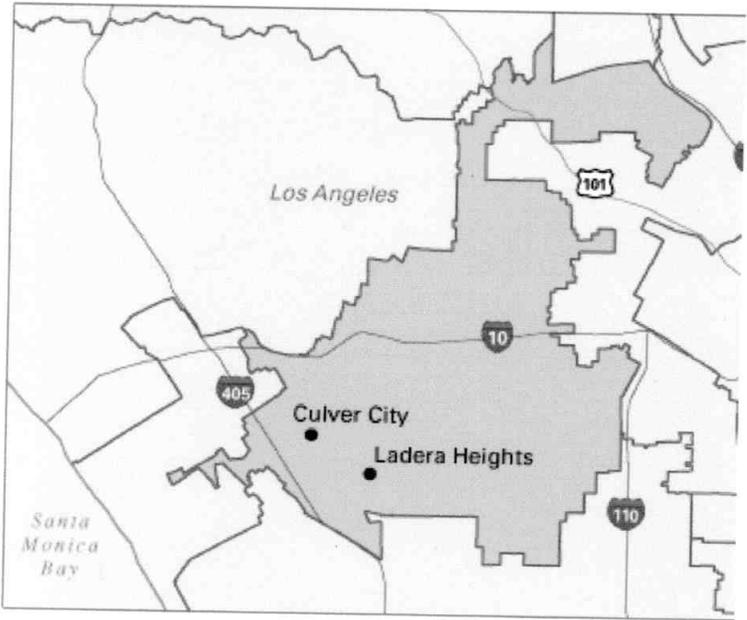
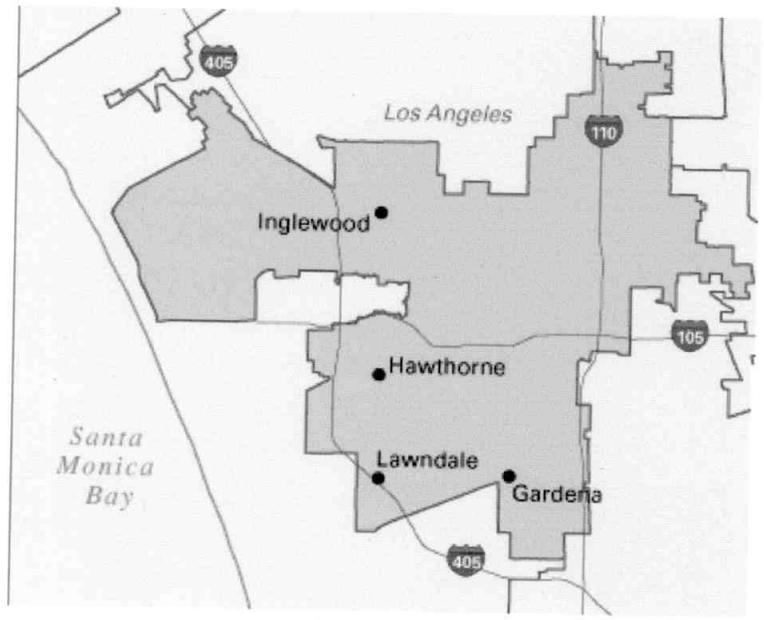
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South Central Los Angeles, the communities of Westchester and Playa del Rey as well as the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lawndale.

The area historically known as **South Central Los Angeles**, often referred to as **South Central**, but officially renamed **South Los Angeles**, makes up the eastern part of the 35th District.

- Ethnicity**
- 10.4% White
 - 34.1% Black
 - 5.6% Asian
 - 47.4% Hispanic
 - 0.2% Native American
 - 0.2% other



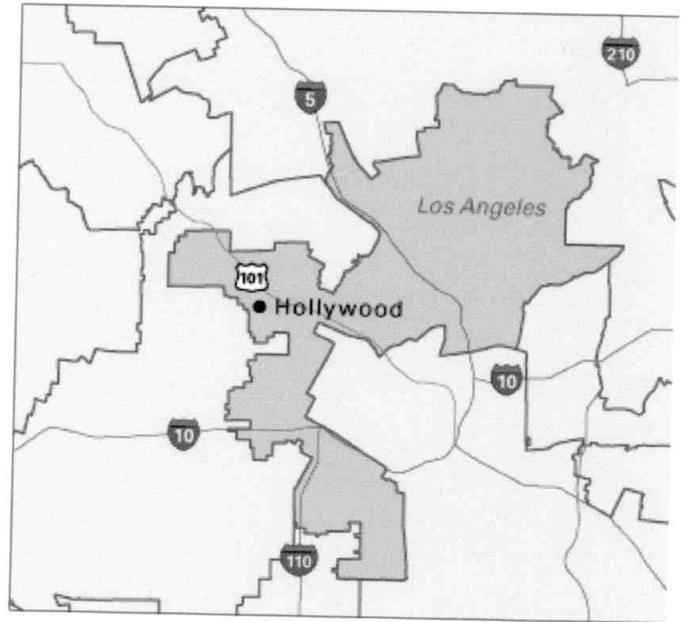
The district encompasses the incorporated city of Culver City (a center of film and TV production), unincorporated areas such as Ladera Heights, and some of the western neighborhoods within the city of Los Angeles such as Baldwin Hills. Along with Leimert Park, Koreatown, and Hollywood.

- Ethnicity**
- 19.9% White
 - 29.9% Black
 - 12.1% Asian
 - 34.6% Hispanic
 - 0.2% Native American
 - 0.4% other

The multicultural 31st district encompasses the diverse neighborhoods of Atwater Village, Eagle Rock, East Hollywood, Echo Park, El Sereno, Glassell Park, Highland Park/Garvanza, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Lincoln Heights, Mt. Washington, Montecito Heights, Westlake/Pico Union, and South Los Angeles.

Ethnicity

9.99% White
4.2% Black
13.8% Asian
70.2% Hispanic
0.3% Native American
0.3% other





Fostering the success of business to enrich the quality of life in the greater San Gabriel Valley

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Redistricting Talking Points

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) would like the following considered when drawing maps in the San Gabriel Valley.

Congressional Maps

- The current draft maps for Congressional seats representing the San Gabriel Valley are generally good.
- We request that you keep the foothill cities connected which can be accomplished by moving the southern boundary of the foothill district to the I-210 Freeway and the southern boundary of the Covina district to the I-10 Freeway.

Assembly Districts

- The Partnership compliments the Commission on the First Draft plans of the Assembly Districts in the San Gabriel Valley and the representation of the San Gabriel Valley with three complete San Gabriel Valley districts.
- Our only comment would be we would like any change that would assure cities are within one district

Senate Districts

- We thank you for nesting Senate districts
- However, as drawn there are NO Senators whose constituents are primarily within the San Gabriel Valley whole. Each district has more constituents outside our valley. We strongly urge you to change these boundaries. One suggestion would be to nest districts east/west instead of the north/south alignment currently shown.
- This would create at least one truly majority San Gabriel Valley district.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and non-profits, the Partnership pursues this commitment through three key areas of focus: providing professional business assistance, advocating public policy and marketing the San Gabriel Valley.

For additional questions please contact Cynthia J. Kurtz, President & CEO at [REDACTED]

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Peter E. Jahn

Whittier, CA 90603-1744

June 17, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Re: Communities of Interest

1. Approve (as previously requested)
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 - b. Connecting Whittier with:
Downey / La Mirada / Norwalk
 - c. Adding for State Senate & Assembly
La Habra / La Habra Heights

2. Please Reassess the "Communities of Interest" aspect:

Whittier should not be linked with:

Montebello — Congressional & State Assembly

Bellflower — Congressional

These communities have interests and philosophies markedly different from the greater Whittier Community. Therefore, their pressures on representatives will attempt to undermine the proven good Whittier approaches. One example, Whittier has properly identified and addressed gang problems. These cities have not. You could also consider: Truancy, Graffiti, Budget, etc.

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JOSEPH A. VINATIERI
Councilmember, City of Whittier

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Whittier, California 90602
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June 17, 2011

**Re: Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Hearing
Rio Hondo College, Whittier, California
Whittier and Surrounding Community of Interest**

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

I appeared before you at the Commission meeting held in San Gabriel several weeks ago and appreciated your attention to the multitude of speakers. I send this letter to follow up the comments I made that evening regarding the Whittier area and avoidance of the textbook political gerrymander that took place 10 years ago.

As my initial comment, I very much applaud your efforts, your listening skills, and the time that you have put into this enormous task. I have closely followed your work and travels throughout the state and I say thank you, thank you, thank you for the sacrifice you have made for the people and future of our state.

I also say thank you after having reviewed the first round of maps for the AD, SD and CD that impact the Whittier area. As a general matter, you have kept Whittier together and for the most part have done away with the partisan gerrymander whereby our area ended up in 3 different Assembly districts and Congressional districts in the last reapportionment go around.

My review of the first draft of the maps are that for our area, you have done a very good job and although I had encouraged you to utilize the Whittier Hills/Puente Hills as the backbone for an AD, SD and CD, you have chosen not to do this, as I know that there are other competing concerns as you perform your task. At this point, it seems to me that much

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of your ongoing effort will relate to “tweaking” around the edges to ensure that those communities of interest are intact and the population is as even as possible. It is in this context that I provide my concerns.

First, with respect to the Assembly district for Whittier, you have done an excellent job in bringing together Whittier, both incorporated and unincorporated, as well as the communities along the eastern edge of Los Angeles County (La Mirada), La Habra and La Habra Heights, all communities which work together and share so many family and community ties. It is important that this community of interest stays together as you go through your next round of maps.

Second, I note that this same nucleus for the Assembly district is coupled with another Assembly district that goes all the way to Irwindale and Azusa to comprise the Senate district. I understand that you want to take two contiguous Assembly districts and tie the same together for a Senate district. However, much of what happens in north central San Gabriel Valley does not affect our area and does not constitute a “community of interest.”

Third, with respect to the proposed Congressional district that impacts Whittier, I note that you have dropped La Habra into one CD and La Habra Heights into a second CD, and Whittier/La Mirada is in a third CD. While you kept together all these communities as one community of interest for the AD and the SD, for whatever reason, for CD purposes, this community of interest has been blown apart. I can only assume there are substantial and great overriding concerns that the same community of interest would be held together for both AD and SD purposes but split up for CD purposes. I disagree with this and strongly request that you keep this core community of interest together for all purposes as you do your second draft of maps for our CD.

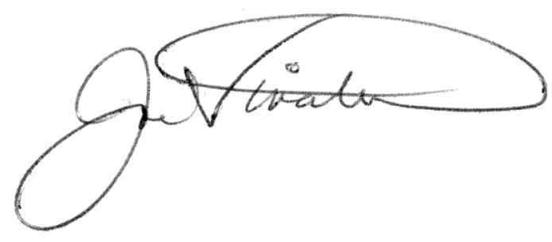
Fourth, with respect to the Whittier CD, I note that you have split off a portion of unincorporated Whittier. You have done extremely well to get over the gerrymander of 10 years ago in formulating the AD and SD, yet for CD purposes, Whittier is split apart again. I

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suggest that the area known as "Rose Hills" which has a Whittier zip code (the same zip code I have as a resident of incorporated Whittier) be put into the CD. In fact, as you sit here listening to me, you are in Whittier but Rio Hondo College is in a different CD from the rest of Whittier.

Fifth, with respect to the Whittier CD, it is my suggestion as discussed above that La Habra and La Habra Heights remain in the CD and that those cities on the extreme west-end (Montebello and/or Bell Gardens) be inserted into another CD. Additionally, I noted that in one of the early CD maps on your website, Cerritos (which is contiguous with Artesia and in our CD) was part of the CD but deleted in the actual first draft. Cerritos should be part of this CD as it borders La Mirada and Norwalk in many issues, including traffic issues on Interstates 5 and 605 which impact the Southeast Los Angeles County/Orange County region. The transportation network and infrastructure is of key concern and our cities have been working together on this issue as the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles expand and impact I-5, I-605, and SR-91.

I once again say thank you for all of your work and request that you look closely at the above suggested changes as you move forward on your second round of maps.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. V. V. V." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

SAN GABRIEL MTS STATE SENATE DISTRICT

The proposed State Senate District goes way out to Rancho Cucamonga and up over the mountains rather than really encompassing communities that have major commonality.

A small group of us, not in any way related to any specific organization, have put together what we believe truly answers the needs of this area. Much of what we propose reflects back to the district lines as drawn in 1991 – nesting the two assembly districts that have much in common together. The one hub is Glendale/Burbank and the other hub is Pasadena/Arcadia – and then gathering in the surrounding, contiguous communities as well.

The packet, herein submitted, includes a list of the communities which we believe should form the two individual assembly districts. Those two Assembly Districts should then be nested into our proposed senatorial district. We have balanced the population numbers. Your proposed Senatorial District is the red block, and our proposed district is outlined in blue.

These two assembly districts (the Pasadena/Arcadia Hub and the Glendale/Burbank Hub) have long established relationships with each other. They have absolutely NOTHING in common with Rancho Cucamonga.

You have created an Assembly District devoted to putting the airport owners together in One Assembly district. The airport is run by the federal government. That commonality of ownership would be accomplished by nesting the two Assembly Districts in this proposed Senatorial District

The two hub assembly districts are then individually representing concerns closer to home. The packet submitted includes the Assembly District proposal as well.

We ask that you put together these communities of existing interest as listed in our packet.

For questions information is available by contacting Elaine Klock [REDACTED] and/or Brian Fuller who drew the maps [REDACTED]

List of Communities in Districts

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT (Pasadena/Arcadia Hub)

Altadena
Arcadia
Bradbury
Duarte
East San Gabriel
La Canada
Monrovia
Pasadena
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
Temple City
Unincorporated Areas within

Contiguous/cities not divided

36 White
27 Hispanic
Black
Asian

NESTED SENATE DISTRICT The above two Assembly Districts

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT (Glendale/Burbank Hub)

Burbank
Eagle Rock
Glendale
Highland Park
La Crescenta
Lake View Terrace
Montrose
Parts of
North Hollywood
Sunland
Toluca Lake
Shadow Hills
Sun Valley
Tujunga

51 White
31 Hispanic
2 Black
12.5 Asian

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Altadena
Arcadia
Burbank
Glendale
La Canada
La Crescenta
Monrovia
Montrose
Pasadena
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
Unincorporated Areas within
23.14 Hispanic
48.5 White
20.0 Asian
5.2 Black

Petition to the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Keep Our Cities United!

The undersigned citizens of Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley area respectfully request that the Commission revise the proposed maps so that:

- Pasadena and Altadena remain united in one Assembly District, respecting the long-standing community of interest between the two communities;
- Pasadena not be split between two Congressional Districts; and
- South Pasadena not be split between two Assembly Districts, and that it preferably remain with Pasadena and Altadena in the same Assembly District.

We respectfully remind the Commission that Pasadena and Altadena are, and have always been, tightly integrated communities, sharing the same school district, with residents belonging to the same churches, youth groups and civic organizations. More importantly, African-American voters have traditionally been concentrated in Northwest Pasadena and West Altadena; since the school integration battles in the 1970's, they have been a central political force within our area. The proposed Assembly District boundaries fracture that community, disempowering and dismembering it.

We, therefore, respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed district boundaries and **keep our cities united!**

Jon Fuhrman and Susan Kane, Pasadena
Monica and Tom Hubbard, Altadena
Allan and Diane Eisenman, Pasadena
Lisa Thomas, Pasadena
Joan and Jeffrey Palmer, Pasadena
Edith Taylor, Pasadena
Michael Cornwell, Pasadena

William Hacket, Pasadena
Kenneth Chawkins, Pasadena
Marge and Joe Wyatt, Pasadena
William Hurd, La Canada
Patricia Horton, Glendale
Bernadette Cole, Pasadena
Ralph Hurtado, Pasadena
Karen Kitchel and Gary Keene, Altadena
Judith Johnson, Pasadena
Emily Stork, Pasadena
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Michelle White, Pasadena
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Donald and Wendy Cobleigh, Pasadena
Connie and Glenn Garrison, Pasadena
Tom and Elizabeth Polenzani, Altadena
Karen Wingard, Pasadena
Roberta Marti, Altadena
Peter Dreier, Pasadena
Frank Huttinger, Pasadena
Kip Thorne, Pasadena
Michael Rosenberg, Pasadena
Janet Michaels, Pasadena
Inman and Nellie Moore, Pasadena
Edward Washatka, Pasadena
Marvin and Esther Schachter, Pasadena
Hon. Elizabeth Pomeroy, Pasadena
Harry Montgomery, South Pasadena
Edith Grady, Pasadena
Ross and Muriel Mitchell, Pasadena
Susan Futterman and Arnold Siegel, Pasadena

Frieda Stahl, Pasadena
George and Judy Van Alstine, Pasadena
Garrett Schneider, South Pasadena
Ken Marcus, Altadena
Hon. Terry Tornek, Pasadena
Maureen and Bob Carlson, Pasadena
Virginia Kimball, Pasadena
Darla Dyson, Pasadena
William Grady, Long Beach (former Pasadena resident)
Richard Roether, Pasadena



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