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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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RE: Orange County Redistricting

Attn: Commissioners

Thank you for taking the time as Commissioners to engage with the residents of California and in particular, with those residents from Orange County. Your contributions are invaluable to the residents of California. I know that you have many difficult decisions to make and I hope that today that you hear from the residents of Orange County as we address your First Draft and provide suggestions that would assist you in achieving the stated goals of the Commission.

I am a 30 year resident of Santa Ana, California. My children were born and raised in California, including attending Santa Ana schools. My family has a vested interest in Santa Ana, Orange County and California. We care about representative government and the opportunity to participate in the democratic process to elect someone of our choice.

In the past decade, nearly 90 percent of the growth in California and in Orange County in particular, has come from the Latino community. The Latino community has to be seriously taken into consideration as part of the redistricting process. Under the Voting Rights Act, the congressional, senate and assembly districts should reflect the Latino community's past and current growth, strength and importance in the State and in Orange County. Only then can Latinos be able to elect candidates of their choice.

More specifically, California's maps and in particular, Orange County, must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. Unfortunately, the Commission's maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation as required by the Voting Rights Act, and could halt future Latino political progress in the state and in Orange County. Under state law, strict adherence to the Voting Rights Act is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts.

I ask you to **REVISE** your maps in Orange County to reflect the Commission's stated goals in the order of priority: 1) Creating districts of equal population; 2) Complying with the Voting Rights Act; 3) Creating and considering communities of interest and 4) Creating compact and contiguous districts.

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**Central Orange County
Redistricting Proposal
And Executive Summary**

Executive Summary of the Central/West Orange County Ethnic Community of Interest Proposal

Introduction:

Over the last three decades, Orange County has changed dramatically, becoming a much more diverse county. Many immigrants, many from Mexico and many from Asia came to this country seeking a better life for themselves and for their children. These unique communities have developed and matured over time. They each have their own language, culture, religion, and beliefs that unite them and make them whole. These communities have also grown and matured to the point where they are best served by having districts created for them where they can elect representatives of their choice and have a voice in Sacramento and Washington DC. Where often times they were voiceless in the country they came from, they now have the opportunity to have a real voice here in the United States of America.

You, the Redistricting Commission have the power to make them have the voice. Today you will hear testimony from both communities of interest and their need and want to have a voice in today's civic affairs. Your first draft in the plans puts these two unique communities of interest together, when they are better served being separated into different areas, where those of the working class, Latin American immigrant community can have their voice and where those of the refugee working class Asian immigrant community of Asia can have their voice. This proposal being submitted shows how both these communities can best be served, how a district can be created where both these groups can elect the representatives of their choice.

I urge you to listen to the testimony these groups say today and I ask you to take a look at these maps being presented to you today. I ask you not to necessarily incorporate them completely, but to use them as a blueprint in creating a final plan where both these communities can have a real voice in their newly adopted land, a land where they are truly free. Thank you for serving and thank you for all your hard work in making the Democracy of our nation and state even stronger.

State Assembly

Anaheim based Assembly District

I will begin with the Anaheim/Santa Ana area, a stronghold for the Latin American working class immigrant community. In this area, two Assembly districts can be created, one based in Anaheim and one based in Santa Ana. The Anaheim based Assembly district would take in the entire city of Anaheim west of Tustin Ave. along with the entire cities of Buena Park, Stanton and portions of Fullerton. The portion of Fullerton that is in the district is roughly south of Chapman (east of Euclid) and south of Commonwealth (west of Euclid) with the SR 57 serving as the eastern terminus of the district in Fullerton.

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This can not be stressed enough, Anaheim should be split between the “flatlands” and “the hills”. These two are culturally two separate cities.

Santa Ana based Assembly District

The second half of this community would be in an Assembly district based in Santa Ana, which is the heart of the Latin American working class immigrant community. This district takes in the entire city of Santa Ana, east Garden Grove (east of Euclid), southwest Orange (west of SR 55 and south of Collins), and west Tustin (west of Red Hill south of I5 and west of Newport north of I5).

Little Saigon based Assembly District

This district would be in the west area of Orange County and going into east Los Angeles County Asian communities. This district is meant to serve the Asian immigrant refugee community, particularly the Vietnamese community, which is the largest outside of Vietnam. This district would include the entire cities of Fountain Valley, Westminster, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cypress, La Palma, Cerritos, Artesia and portions of Garden Grove (west of Euclid) and Huntington Beach.

State Senate

Central Orange County Assembly District

The decision to nest two Assembly Districts into one State Senate district was a wise decision. This allows for better representation of the communities. Particularly for central Orange County. In the proposal being submitted, the two districts that should be merged into one State Senate District is the Santa Ana based Assembly District and the Anaheim based Assembly District. This would unite this community of interest into one large district that would help make their voice in Sacramento louder.

The current proposal to nest a Santa Ana based AD with a Little Saigon based AD is not a smart move, as it lessens the voice of two unique communities.

Congress

The first draft of the maps have many errors when it comes to the drawing of the Congressional Districts of Orange County. Splitting central Anaheim and Santa Ana into different Congressional Districts is not the best decision that can be made. The two communities have much in common and are served well by having a unified voice in Washington DC. Putting Santa Ana into a district with the Asian community only limits the voices of both communities of interest, when the numbers are there for each community to have their own voice in Washington D.C.

The proposed district boundary in Anaheim is even more egregious. The decision was made to divide the immigrant working class community down the middle, giving one half to a northwest Orange County district and one half to an eastern Orange County district. In your first draft, you put areas of this community into the same district as upper class

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communities such as Cowan Heights, Villa Park and Coto de Caza. They have nothing in common and the Congressperson most likely to be elected from that area would not be likely to have the best interest of the working class immigrants in mind. Here is another proposal to consider, one that takes the interests of the minority, immigrant communities of Orange County into consideration.

Central Orange County Congressional District

This district is meant for a representative chosen by a largely working class immigrant community from Latin America. This district would include nearly all of Santa Ana (east of Euclid), Anaheim (between Euclid and I5 traveling east to Tustin Ave.), Fullerton (south of Chapman/Malvern), Placentia (south of Chapman), Orange (south of Collins and west of SR 55 and a small portion of Tustin (between Edinger, Newport Blvd. and Main st.).

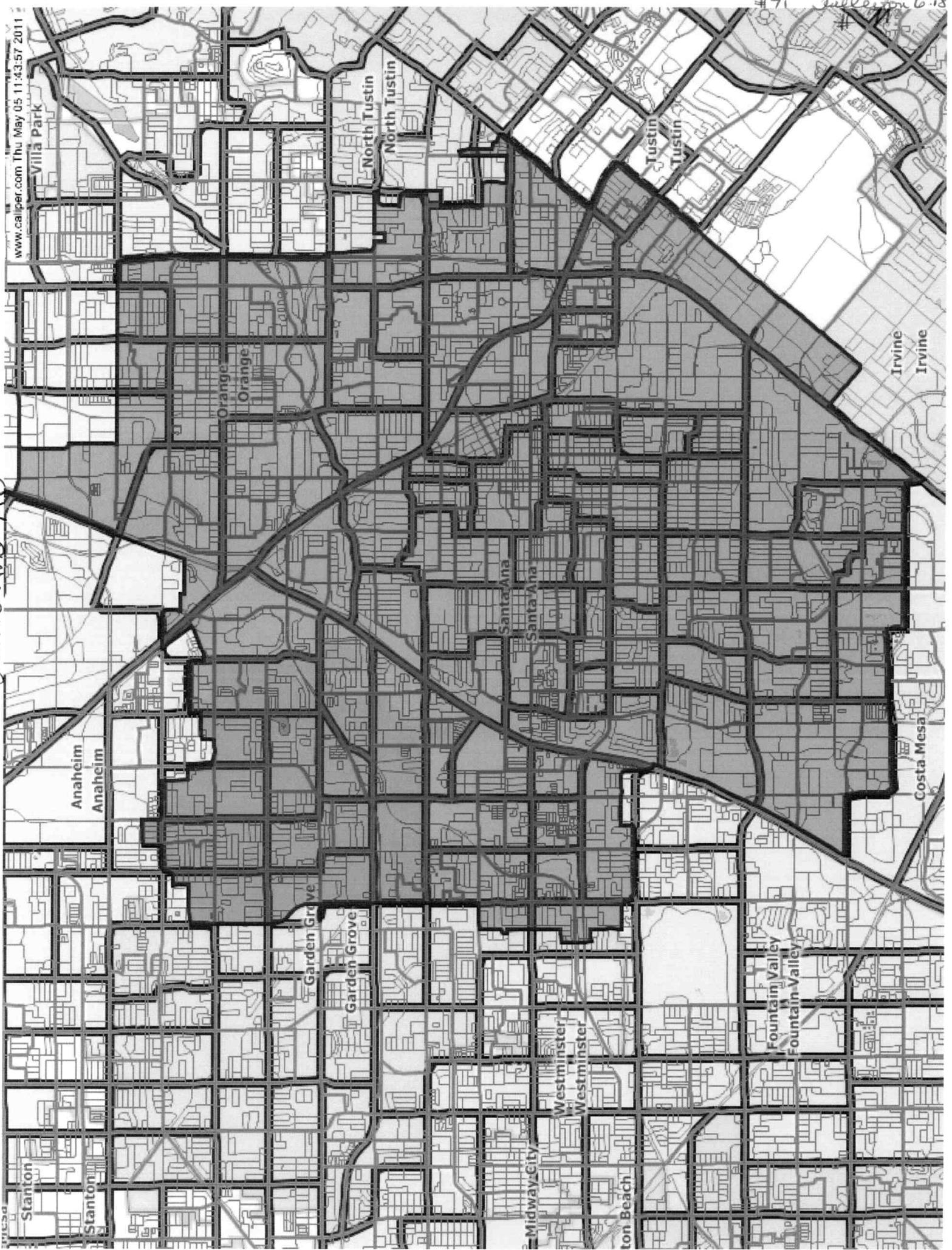
West Orange County Congressional District

This district is meant for a representative chosen by a largely Asian immigrant community. This includes the Vietnamese community of Little Saigon, a Korean immigrant community in north Buena Park and Fullerton, an Indian community of Cerritos and Artesia and with other sizable Asian immigrant communities such as the Thai community in La Palma and a Filipino community in Cypress. This district would include the cities of Cerritos, Artesia, Buena Park, Westminster, Cypress, La Palma, Stanton, Fountain Valley with portions of Fullerton (north of Malvern and west of Harbor Blvd.), Garden Grove (west of Euclid) and Anaheim (west of Euclid and I5).

Conclusion

This proposal is meant as a road map into taking these communities of interest into account. I am encouraged by your willingness to listen to those who come to testify and I hope you take this and the testimony you hear today into account when creating the second draft. Both communities deserve representation and I trust you will make the right decisions in the end. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at cw_gallegos@yahoo.com. I am happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about this plan.

Santa Ana AD



Villa Park

Orange
Orange

North Tustin
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Anaheim
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Garden Grove
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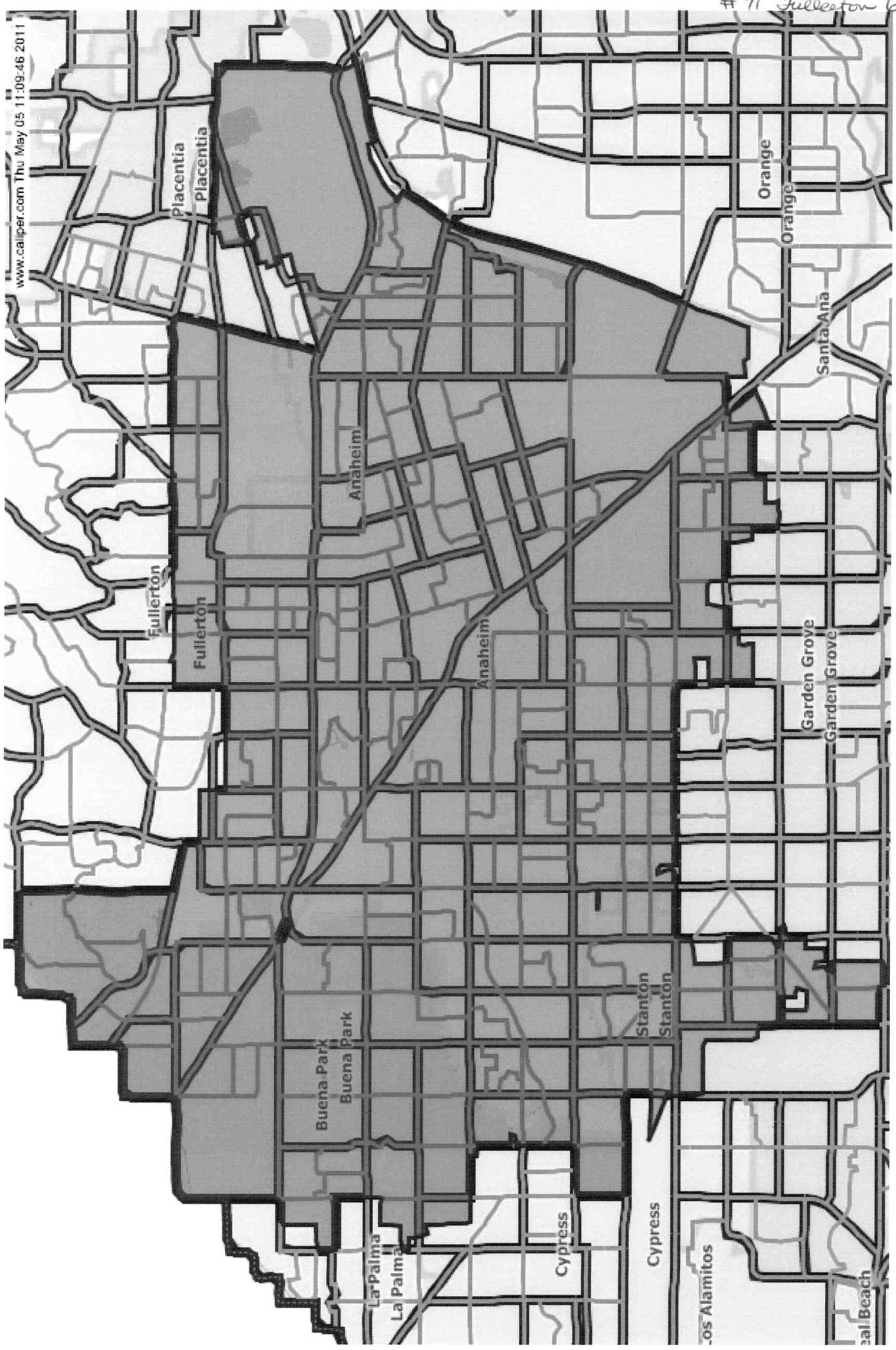
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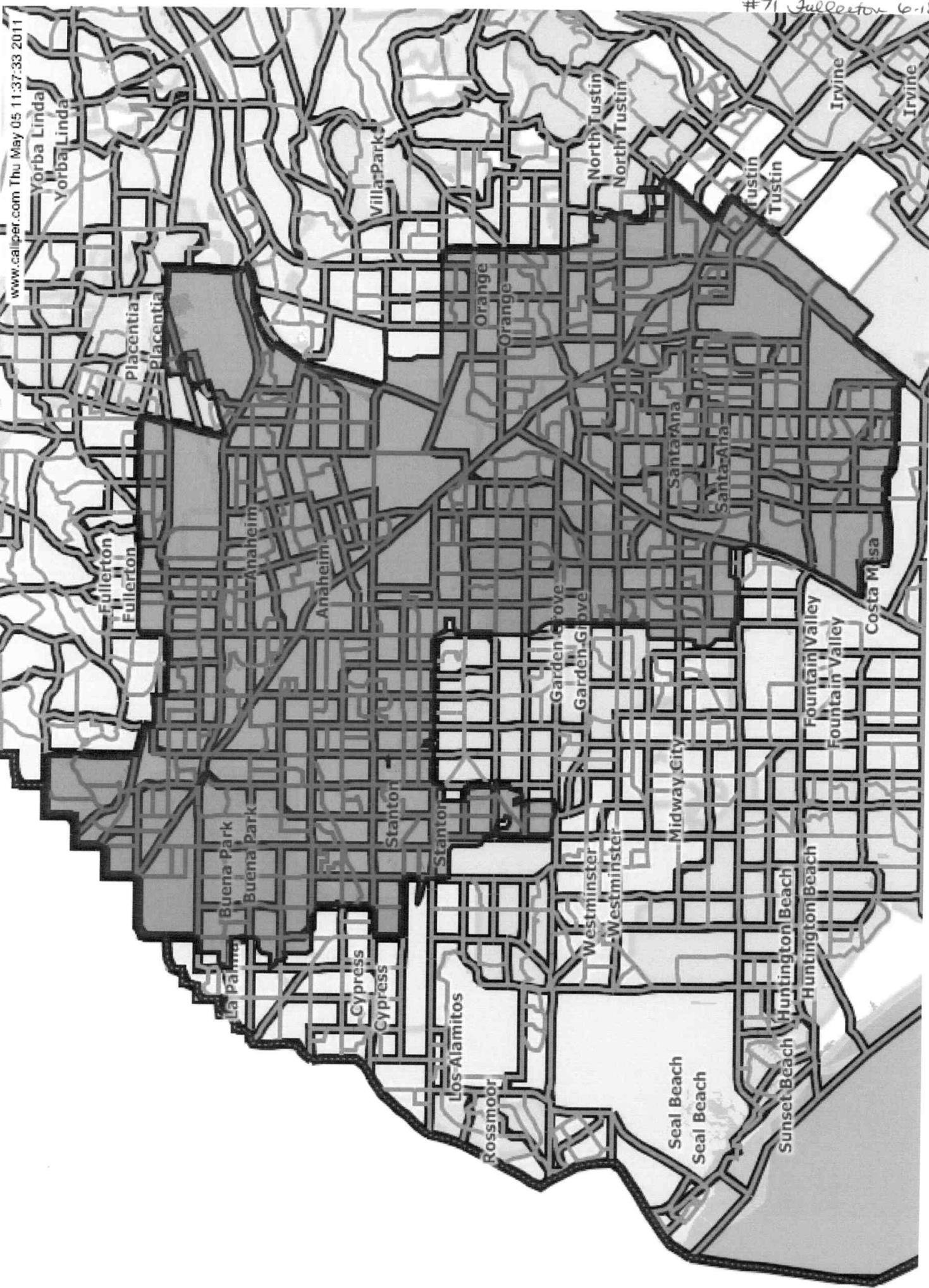
Anaheim AD



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Central OC Senate District

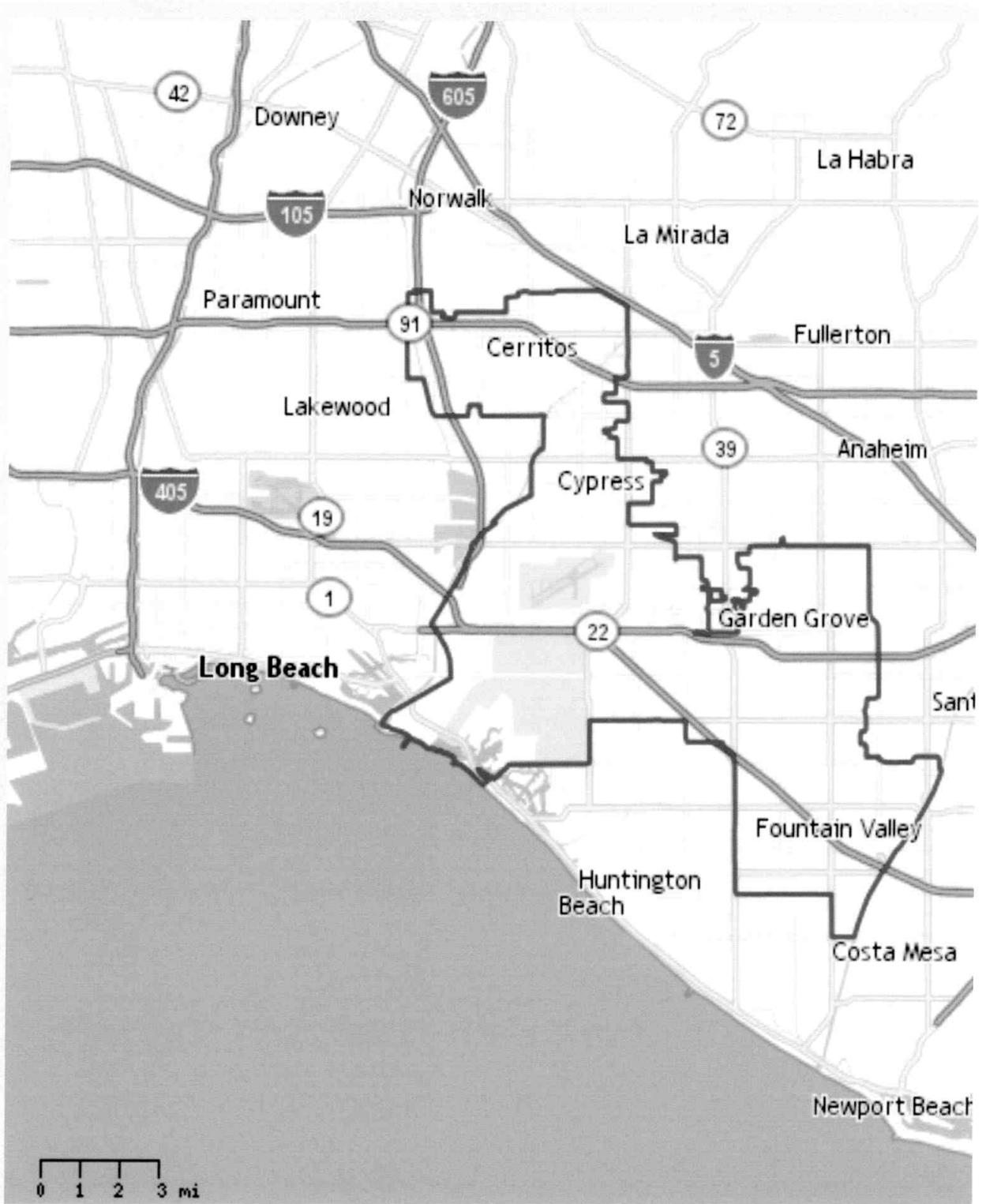


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City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Anaheim	280,020	59,570	7,146	166,966	40,833	5,505	123,748	50,131	4,710
Buena Park	80,530	22,302	2,809	31,638	21,232	2,549	43,006	18,101	1,865
Fullerton	54,732	16,073	1,188	30,160	6,054	1,257	27,783	13,027	843
Stanton	38,186	8,340	703	19,417	8,708	1,018	19,194	7,160	492
Unincorporated	12,606	2,552	194	6,858	2,713	289	6,034	2,020	145
Total	466,074	108,837	12,040	255,039	79,540	10,618	219,765	90,439	8,055
Percentage		23.4%	2.6%	54.7%	17.1%	2.2%		41.7%	3.9%

Little Saigon Based Assembly District

City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Garden Grove	111,148	29,089	1,128	30,765	46,753	3,413	61,114	24,049	805
Westminster	89,701	22,972	700	21,176	42,414	2,439	53,954	17,665	608
Fountain Valley	55,313	27,234	473	7,250	18,324	2,032	38,735	21,057	351
Cerritos	48,718	7,992	3,272	5,930	30,071	1,453	33,798	6,740	2,740
Cypress	47,802	20,865	1,376	8,779	15,054	1,728	30,419	16,359	732
Seal Beach	24,168	18,580	255	2,331	2,273	729	19,413	15,999	119
Huntington Beach	23,206	12,607	273	4,658	5,181	487	15,871	9,804	201
Unincorporated	19,638	9,709	172	4,295	4,957	505	13,619	7,401	73
Artesia	16,308	3,440	526	5,820	6,113	409	9,497	2,748	390
La Palma	15,568	4,329	773	2,487	7,468	511	10,776	3,753	560
Los Alamitos	11,449	6,721	300	2,418	1,494	516	8,275	5,498	228
Total	463,019	163,538	9,248	95,909	180,102	14,222	295,471	131,073	6,807
Percentage		35.3%	2.0%	20.7%	38.9%	3.1%		44.3%	2.3%

Santa Ana Assembly District

City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Santa Ana	324,528	29,950	3,177	253,928	34,444	3,029	120,954	25,934	2,564
Garden Grove	59,735	9,469	624	32,314	16,365	963	27,461	8,076	447
Orange	49,366	19,087	937	23,591	4,547	1,204	29,311	16,124	554
Tustin	31,791	7,637	671	19,100	3,723	660	15,609	6,469	502
Unincorporated	319	91	6	204	9	9	169	77	5
Total	465,739	66,234	5,415	329,137	59,088	5,865	193,504	56,680	4,072
Percentage		14.2%	1.2%	70.7%	12.7%	1.3%		29.3%	2.1%

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Hispanic CVAP	Asian CVAP	Other CVAP
45,972	20,888	2,047
12,080	10,103	857
10,089	3,313	511
5,813	5,405	324
2,665	1,060	144
76,619	40,769	3,883
33.6%	19.0%	1.8%
Hispanic CVAP	Asian CVAP	Other CVAP
11,408	23,838	1,014
8,021	26,809	851
4,092	12,428	807
3,861	20,042	415
4,219	8,423	686
1,329	1,656	310
2,365	3,072	429
1,425	4,533	187
2,493	3,771	95
1,437	4,731	295
1,588	901	60
42,238	110,204	5,149
14.3%	37.3%	1.8%
Hispanic CVAP	Asian CVAP	Other CVAP
70,172	20,576	1,708
10,085	8,426	427
9,169	3,177	787
5,846	2,707	85
72	9	6
95,344	34,958	2,450
49.3%	18.1%	1.2%

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Central OC Senate District

City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Santa Ana	324,528	29,950	3,177	253,928	34,444	3,029	120,954	25,934	2,564
Anaheim	280,020	59,570	7,146	166,966	40,833	5,505	123,748	50,131	4,710
Buena Park	80,530	22,302	2,809	31,638	21,232	2,549	43,006	18,101	1,865
Garden Grove	59,735	9,469	624	32,314	16,365	963	27,461	8,076	447
Fullerton	54,732	16,073	1,188	30,160	6,054	1,257	27,783	13,027	843
Orange	49,366	19,087	937	23,591	4,547	1,204	29,311	16,124	554
Stanton	38,186	8,340	703	19,417	8,708	1,018	19,194	7,160	492
Tustin	31,791	7,637	671	19,100	3,723	660	15,609	6,469	502
Unincorporated	12,925	2,643	200	7,062	2,722	298	6,203	2,097	150
	931,813	175,071	17,455	584,176	138,628	16,483	413,269	147,119	12,127
		18.8%	1.9%	62.7%	14.8%	1.8%		35.6%	2.9%

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Hispanic CVAP	Asian CVAP	Other CVAP
70,172	20,576	1,708
45,972	20,888	2,047
12,080	10,103	857
10,085	8,426	427
10,089	3,313	511
9,169	3,177	787
5,813	5,405	324
5,846	2,707	85
2,737	1,069	150
171,963	75,664	6,896
41.6%	18.3%	1.6%

WEST OC CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Garden Grove	111,148	29,089	1,128	30,765	46,753	3,413	61,114	24,049	805
Anaheim	95,770	24,624	3,461	43,756	21,512	2,417	48,566	19,408	2,566
Westminster	89,704	22,972	700	21,176	42,741	2,115	53,954	17,665	608
Buena Park	80,530	22,302	2,809	31,638	21,232	2,549	43,006	18,101	1,865
Fountain Valley	55,313	27,234	473	7,250	18,483	1,873	38,735	21,057	351
Cerritos	48,718	7,992	3,272	5,930	30,071	1,453	33,798	6,740	2,740
Cypress	48,522	21,168	1,397	8,928	15,273	1,756	30,419	16,359	732
Stanton	38,186	8,340	703	19,417	8,708	1,018	19,194	7,160	492
Unincorporated	32,135	12,189	320	11,271	7,673	792	19,653	9,421	218
Fullerton	30,510	10,465	347	3,154	15,764	780	18,355	7,549	247
Seal Beach	24,242	18,628	254	2,336	2,341	683	19,413	15,999	119
Artesia	16,308	3,440	526	5,820	6,113	409	9,497	2,748	390
La Palma	15,522	4,315	769	2,452	7,479	507	10,776	3,753	560
Los Alamitos	11,316	6,649	299	2,403	1,464	501	8,275	5,498	228
Santa Ana	4,976	472	18	1,626	2,820	40	3,277	335	14
Total	702,900	219,879	16,476	197,922	248,427	20,306	418,032	175,842	11935
Percentage		31.3%	2.3%	28.2%	35.3%	2.9%		42.1%	2.9%

CENTRAL OC CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

City	Total Population	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total CVAP	White CVAP	Black CVAP
Santa Ana	319,493	29,474	3,159	252,277	31,594	2,989	117,677	25,599	2,550
Anaheim	184,250	34,946	3,685	123,210	19,321	3,088	75,182	30,723	2,144
Garden Grove	59,735	9,469	624	32,314	16,365	963	27,461	8,076	447
Fullerton	58,955	17,799	1,310	31,991	6,606	1,249	30,816	15,420	940
Orange	49,366	19,087	937	23,591	4,547	1,204	29,311	16,124	554
Tustin	17,617	2,128	419	13,435	1,400	235	6,242	1,896	314
Placentia	13,170	2,484	215	9,422	853	196	5,804	2,096	168
Unincorporated	319	91	6	204	9	9	169	77	5
Total	702,905	115,478	10,355	486,444	80,695	9,933	292,662	100,011	7,122
Percentage		16.4%	1.5%	69.2%	11.5%	1.4%		34.3%	2.4%

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