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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I am an eight-year veteran of the Walnut Valley Unified School District - a district that serves the cities of Walnut and Diamond Bar

I testified at San Gabriel hearing and presented map of API scores in our region. *(The API is a school performance measurement system that is calculated using each school's test results from the California Standards Tests).*

I thought it was important that the commission look at this criteria as legislators who represent schools that are working well in their region should look at education issues differently than those who represent schools that are under-performing.

The students in underperforming areas need representatives who will fight for change and reform. Those who represent the good schools need to make sure what works doesn't get broken.

I don't know if you looked at the map I provided, but want to compliment you on the Assembly and Senate District that includes Walnut, Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, Brea and Yorba Linda.

Those schools all have comparable scores and both the draft Assembly and Senate district also keep the Walnut School district together

While the API scores in the Senate district are less uniform, Senate districts are large and there was no perfect match available.

As an Asian, I'm also pleased that you did not fragment the significant Asian population in Chino Hills, Walnut, Diamond Bar and Rowland Heights. I know I speak for many Asians when I say thank you for placing our community in Assembly and Senate districts where we

will have a strong voice in picking our representative and influencing the policies they promote in Sacramento.

So, job well done on the Senate and Assembly districts in the three county region that includes Chino Hills, the east San Gabriel County and north Orange County.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anyork Lee

VIA E-MAIL/ FAX.

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June 18th, 2011

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for your service to the citizens of the State of California.

I am writing to ask that my community, the City of Orange, not be split into two Assembly, Senate or Congressional districts. As you know, the goal of the commission is to "respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible." This goal is compromised if the City of Orange is drawn into two districts.

The cities of Villa Park, Placentia, Anaheim, and Tustin share our community values and demographics. The together represent a Community of Interest. Please consider this in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Denis Bilodeau
Councilmember

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Introduction

- My name is Adela Montanez and I am a Community Health worker for 15 years.
- I live in Anaheim and work in Santa Ana.
- I am here today on behalf of my concern about of these similar communities who have similar needs and similar problems such as lack of Open Space, Public Safety, Affordable housing, public health and best opportunity of jobs.

Request of the Commission

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Statistics to Support My Request

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- Thank you for listening. And thank you for your consideration of my request.

**Public Testimony at Redistricting Public Hearing
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June 18, 2011**

Introduction

- My name is Ana Carricchi and I work with Latino Health Access, a health prevention organization in Orange County for the past 18-years.
- Our service area includes the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana, with predominant clientele from the City of Santa Ana.
- I am here today on behalf of the 3,921 clients we served in 2010 and the 32 promotoras/ community health workers who conducted more than 15,341 door to door contacts of which 68% opened their door to listen to our health prevention message. Latino Health Access is an award winning non-profit whose promotora agency model provides health prevention education in diabetes, mental health, elder care, domestic violence, child maternal health and community engagement/ grassroots advocacy.

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Demographics of Latino Health Access Clients 2010

In 2010, Latino Health Access clients were comprised of

- **56 % over the age of 18**
- **97% made less than \$30,000 annually**
- **82% were uninsured**

Healthcare/Public Health

- Similarly, Santa Ana and Anaheim have among the highest number of residents without health insurance; nearly 33% of Santa Ana residents and about 22% of Anaheim residents do not have health insurance (American Communities Survey, 2010)
- Again, much like the clientele we serve with extremely ^{high} ~~low~~ levels of poverty, the percentage of poverty between 2005-2009 in Anaheim-12.96%, Santa Ana-17%, represent similar service area and communities of interest that are best represented by keeping Anaheim and Santa Ana together.

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Student Trustee for Fullerton College

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My name is Christopher Sanchez,

The city I live in is Fullerton, CA and I am a Student Trustee at Fullerton College Representing 22,000 students strong.

Today I come before you to in concern of redistricting in Orange County.

My concern is for the future for the future of the community for the next 10 years. I'm here to ask you as a state commission to create districts that includes and incorporate a ten year plan that will include the children, their education, and a friendly district for them to one day grow up and be the decision makers of their district. Once again I would like to thank you for your time and lending an ear to the community.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sanchez

Fullerton College, Student Trustee

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Testimony for Communities of Interest in Orange County, CA June 18, 2011

Introduction

- My name is Yvonne Gonzalez Duncan and I am the President of Anaheim LULAC.
- I live in Huntington Beach
- I am here today to discuss heritage/culture/history in Anaheim and Santa Ana

Request of the Commission

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Statistics to Support My Request

- Many homes are multi-generational in ownership..parents buy the house, kids move away, come back, inherit the home and the cycle continues. In many areas at least one third of the homes are now seeing the third generation return. It's the same for residents of Santa Ana and Anaheim.
- Little Arabia (center is at Brookhurst and Ball) and several mosques also happen to be in Anaheim, East Garden Grove, and Santa Ana. Arab Americans are invisible because they are not counted as a separate group in the US census or in voter data.
- Anaheim and Santa Ana share a history of attracting immigrants because of jobs in restaurants, hotels and service industry.
- Anaheim and Santa Ana share a cultural history of celebrating traditional holidays such as the 16th of September, Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) and the Posadas at Christmas.

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Rebuttal to the early draft of the Congressional Districting of Orange County

My name is Alfredo Ornelas; I'm a residence of Garden Grove, and I proudly live one street block away from the Korean District. I'm currently **educator** with the Santa Ana Unified School District. From 2006-2009, I was employed with the Garden Grove Unified School District.

Last Friday, I was made aware of an early draft for the Congressional Districts of Orange County. Two major problems presented themselves as I looked at the redistricting map. First and foremost, the separation of the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim is perplexing. These two cities share not only a socio-economical identity, but they also have a common ancestral heritage. A resident of Santa Ana can walk around in the central part of Anaheim and feel a sense of belonging. One can argue, while looking at the proposed draft, that the Latino community, which is the fastest growing group in Orange County and California, is having their voice and representation diluted. I choose not to make that assertion; instead, I believe the Commission's mistake is what one makes while crafting a fair draft that will accurately represent all the constituents of California.

The second problem of the early draft is that it puts the cities of Garden Grove and Westminster with Santa Ana. With the creation of this draft, the Commission has pitted two different communities, the Latino and Asian, against one another for their National representation in Congress. It's my understanding and belief that each of these communities deserves to have their own Congressional District. I love my Asian brothers and sisters, but I dislike what this draft does.

Here's my suggestion to the Commission. Re-unit Central Anaheim, Santa Ana, parts of Orange and East Garden Grove (extending as far West to Euclid) in a Congressional District, one that shares the same commonalities. In another district, bring together Westminster, West Garden Grove, Cypress, and parts of Irvine, which are areas with predominantly Asian ancestry, with the cities of Stanton and Buena Park. By doing so, you'll do what is fair for both the Latino and Asian communities.

Like I stated earlier, I live near the Korean District, and I wouldn't mind being separated with Santa Ana and Anaheim, even though we share common ancestry, because I know what is right and wrong. I beg the Commission to do what is right- don't divide the people of Santa Ana and Anaheim. And finally, don't put a wedge between the Asian and Latino communities of Orange County.

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TESTIMONY BY BENNY DIAZ, [REDACTED]

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Introduction

- My name is Benny Diaz and I am a Director of LULAC for the State of California .
- I live in the city of Garden Grove and work in Anaheim and the surrounding cities of Santa Ana, and Garden Grove.
- I am here today on behalf of my community which united us thru education, income level, same housing structures an historical similarities.

Request of the Commission

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My Request

- is that we need to keep flatlands of Anaheim, east Garden Grove, and Santa Ana together to ensure that our community can elect representatives that will represent us taking in considerations our many communalities.
- CURRENT PLANS WILL ERASE A DECADE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF OUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST.
- YOUR proposed district maps will negatively impact my community, it will change the significance of our population's vote!

Problems with the First Draft Commission Maps

I am EXTRIMELY concerned about the first draft Commission maps because:

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- Also, the Commission's Congressional maps divide Anaheim's traditionally working class neighborhoods across two districts, instead pairing them with Coto de Caza and Villa Park – two of the more affluent areas in our county. In addition, Santa Ana and Anaheim do NOT have strong similarities with Fountain Valley, Westminster, and West Garden Grove yet these areas are linked to Santa Ana in your First Draft Maps.
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Public Testimony, June 18, 2011

Introduction

- My name is Armando de la Libertad and I'm CEO of the Delhi Center – a non-profit community development organization in Santa Ana, CA.
- I live in Santa Ana and work in Santa Ana.
- I am here today on behalf of the low- to moderate-income clients we serve. Approximately 32,000 individuals pass through our doors each year.

Request

I respectfully urge the Commission to keep our neighborhoods with similarities TOGETHER when drawing Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional districts.

- More specifically, please keep Santa Ana AND the flatlands of Anaheim (west of the 57 freeway, south of the 91 freeway) TOGETHER.
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Reasoning

My organization has 4 program areas: Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Community Engagement. We help our clients achieve self-sufficiency and have a reputation of success in childcare entrepreneurial training, health access, and more. Our clients and those that use our facility come from all of Orange County but, in particular, from lower income and the most challenged neighborhoods. The vast majority of our clients are from Santa Ana. The second largest group consists of Anaheim residents. My organization has been serving the community for 4 decades. We wish as many of our clients as possible to be within the same political boundaries so that their collective voice is maximized in our democracy. Fair representation demands no less.

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Statistics

Civil Rights & Legal Services

- In 2008, the percent of foreign born population in Santa Ana was 48.4%, with about 39,000 people entering the U.S. after they year 2000; Anaheim's percent of foreign born population was 37.1%, with 30,147 people entering the U.S. after the year 2000; Garden's Grove percent of foreign born population was 46.9%, with 18,871 people entering the U.S. after the year 2000 (Nativity & Place of Birth of Resident Population 2008 Data Chart, U.S. Census Bureau, 2008)
- The Legal-Aid Society provides free and low cost civil legal services to low-income persons and seniors. Their Orange County offices are located in Santa Ana and Anaheim

Crime

- In 2010, there were 1, 161 violent crimes reported to law enforcement in Anaheim and 1,510 crimes reported in Santa Ana, compared to the nearby cities of Garden Grove (539) and Orange (150) (FBI's Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, 2010)
- Garden Grove has created a Gang Suppression Unit to combat gang activity, Santa Ana has created a Graffiti Task Force and the Santa Nita Gang Injunction; Anaheim has a similar program, the Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership.

Education/Educational Access

- According to EdTrust West, the Average Four Year Graduation rate for CA is 76.1% for CA, however, it is 50.1% for Santa Ana and 61.8% for residents (2009 O.C. Dropout Summit Report to America's Promise Alliance).
- 37 elementary, middle, and senior high schools in Santa Ana were on the last "Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools" list; 12 elementary schools in the Anaheim City School District and 8 middle/senior high schools in Anaheim Union High District were on the "Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools" list; 19 elementary/middle/high schools in Garden Grove were in the "Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools" list published by the CA Department of Education (April 14, 2011).
- Based on 2010 API scores, 10 schools in Anaheim City School District, 4 schools in Anaheim Union District, 9 schools in Garden Grove Unified School District, and 9 schools in Santa Ana Unified School District did not meet growth targets (CA Department of Education, Orange County School API Report, 2010).

Environment/Sustainability

- Santa Ana River Watershed is shared by Santa Ana, Anaheim, Fullerton, and East Garden Grove...
 - Cities need to implement programs to reduce dependence on imported water, increase water use efficiency, water storage, and water use (Presentation by the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management University of California, Santa Barbara, No Date)
- Garden Grove and Santa Ana have partnered with Habitat for Humanity. Both cities have opened Habitat stores and have begun a sustainable enterprise for building affordable and eco-friendly homes (Habitat for Humanity, Orange County)

- Santa Ana (14%) and Anaheim (11.4%) were among the top 5 cities in Orange County with the highest unemployment rate in April 2011 (Employment Development Department, 2011)

Language Barrier

- Santa Ana and Anaheim are home to a larger percentage of English language learners (ELL's) in schools, many who are Latino (2009 O.C. Dropout Summit Report to America's Promises Alliance).
- The most prolific home language of the majority of ELL's in Anaheim City School District (93.4% of ELL's), Anaheim Union School District (88.6 % of ELL's) and Santa Ana Unified School District (98.4% of ELL's) and Garden Grove (66.8%) is Spanish (California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Office Data 2009-2010. Accessed June 15, 2011).

Media/TheArts/ Sports

- The Honda Center and the Angels Stadium provide employment for residents of Orange County
- Anaheim promotes and supports Santa Ana's Art District as a cultural neighborhood (Anaheim's Visitor & Convention Bureau). Given the number of people who visit Anaheim, this could be bringing a good number of tourists to Santa Ana's Art District.
- Anaheim and Santa Ana share many cultural events in music, art and dance. Such as Ballet Folklorico, mariachi music and artists (painters and musician's).

Poverty

- Percentage of poverty between 2005-2009: Anaheim-12.96%, Santa Ana-17%, Garden Grove-13.09% (American Communities Survey data for years 2005-2009)
- 24 Schools in the Anaheim City School District have 50% or more students on the Free or Reduced Lunch program/15 schools in the Anaheim Union High District have 50% or students on the Free or reduced Lunch Program; 60 Schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District have 50% or more students on the free or reduced lunch program; 59 schools in Santa Ana have 50% or more students on the free or reduced lunch program (CAL Works, 2010)

Seniors

- The vast majority of zip codes in Santa Ana and Anaheim have upwards of 2, 100 residents of ages 65 and/or older, whereas some southern and the vast majority of eastern Orange County have less than or equal to 2,000 residents of ages 65 and/or older (Orange County Health Care Agency, 2010. Data Source: Claritas 2007 Orange County Population by zip code).
- Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana each have at least one senior center with ongoing recreational, health, and educational programs

Small Business

- Out of 23,947 firms in Anaheim in 2002, 1.3% were black-owned, 1.5% were American-Indian owned, 16.7% were Asian-owned, and 25% were women-owned (Data suppressed for Hispanic-owned firms) (US Census Bureau, 2009)

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Introduction

- My name is Gabriela and I am a community activist.
- I live in Midway City and work in Santa Ana.
- I am here today on behalf of the community we serve especially public safety in the city of Santa Ana.

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