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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.

**Impact on the Orange County Latino Community**

The first draft maps released on June 10 severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress in Orange County.

In the **CURRENT** Latino effective district for both the congressional, senate and assembly districts in Orange County, the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim are together, both of which have several heavily-Latino neighborhoods. Both the City of Santa Ana, and the Central and Western areas of Anaheim only, have similar communities of interest. If you removed City signage and eliminated Disneyland, you would not know which city you were in. Both areas have similar ethnic populations, voting levels, income levels, educational attainments, health conditions, housing, and transportation.

In the Commission's **PROPOSED** congressional, senate and assembly maps, those two areas are in separate districts, and there is no Latino effective district in Orange County. Consideration was not taken by the Commission of the Voting Rights Act's Section 2 whereby its provision's must be complied with and therefore REVISIONS must be undertaken to ensure compliance.

Secondly, the Commission has also not taken into consideration that the Latino community in the past 2 decades has been able to elect candidates of choice and the **PROPOSED** congressional, senate and assembly maps, undermines that ability to continue to do so by creating two separate districts. Instead of having continued progress of the Latino community by being able to engage in electing candidates of choice, the Commission severely dilutes the voting influence of the Latino community. Dividing the **CURRENT** Latino effective district into 2 separate districts is not the answer. **RETROGRESSION IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND ILLEGAL.** Please correct this wrong.

I ask you to REVISE your proposed congressional, assembly and senate districts to reflect the shared communities of interest of the Orange County Latino community.

I ask you to consider the proposed maps by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Santa Ana Council 147 and Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). Both organizations reflect the shared communities of interest of the Orange County Latino community.

Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] and/or contact me via email at [REDACTED]

Thank you.



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**Dr. Jose F. Moreno**  
**My Orange County Redistricting Testimony**  
**Member, Board of Education, Anaheim City School District**  
**Anaheim, CA**

- My name is Jose Moreno and I am a Member and past-President of the Board of Education for the Anaheim City School District. I am also an Associate Professor of Latino Education & Policy Studies at CSU Long Beach and President of Los Amigos of Orange County.
- I live in Anaheim and work in Long Beach.
- I am here today on behalf of communities of interest that seek your support in keeping Central and West Anaheim together with Santa Ana and East Garden Grove given the commonalities we see amongst our youth population, their families contexts, and how schools can best serve them within our communities.

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

- Please keep Santa Ana AND the flatlands of Anaheim (west of the 57 fwy, south of the 91 fwy) TOGETHER.
- If other areas are needed to reach the required population counts, please add-in other adjacent, SIMILAR areas including:
  - South Fullerton (south of Chapman Avenue and including Fullerton College)
  - East Garden Grove (east of Euclid Ave. if not Brookhurst)
  - Southwest Orange (west of the 55 fwy and including Chapman University)

**Context of Communities of Interest for Central Anaheim, West Anaheim, East Garden Grove & Santa Ana (Data from California Dept of Education, Ed-Data Online System & OC Dept of Education)**

- In Central and West Anaheim we have 4 Elementary districts that feed into the Anaheim Union High School District. Our demographics of students in West and Central Anaheim, are quite similar to community contexts in Santa Ana and East Garden Grove. Over the past decade our schools have made great strides with family engagement activities and culturally-relevant community outreach and partnerships. Given the similarities of home languages and cultural contexts, common historical processes and cultural experiences in our school systems, I believe keeping our geographic areas together for purposes of representation serves our communities' best interests as reflected in the following data:
  - High % English Learners
    - Magnolia School District (West Anaheim)= 59%
    - Anaheim City School District (Central Anaheim)= 57%
    - Savanna School District (West Anaheim) = 46%
    - Santa Ana Unified District = 56%
    - Garden Grove Unified = 45%
      - East Garden Grove is a higher EL% with greater concentrations of Spanish dominant English Learners similar to Santa Ana, Central Anaheim and West Anaheim
  - Majority of Students on Free/Reduced Lunch (Low-Income)
    - Magnolia School District (West Anaheim) = 78%
    - Anaheim City School District (Central Anaheim) = 80%
    - Savanna School District (West Anaheim) = 65%
    - Santa Ana Unified School District = 84%

- Homelessness amongst Children (*Mckinney Viento*)
  - Magnolia School District (West Anaheim) = 19%
  - Anaheim City School District (Central Anaheim) = 20%
  - Savanna School District (West Anaheim) = 14%
  - Santa Ana Unified School District = 14%
  
- Cultural Demographics--All the aforementioned school districts are majority Latino enrollments
  - Magnolia School District (West Anaheim) = 69%
  - Anaheim City School District (Central Anaheim) = 85%
  - Savanna School District (West Anaheim) = 54%
  - Santa Ana School District = 93%

In Summary, our school systems in Central and West Anaheim, Santa Ana and East Garden Grove reflect the commonalities across these geographic areas as we have quite common characteristics that shape us together as communities of interest:

- Common socio-economic conditions (heavily working class to low income)
- Common demographics in school systems (High % English Learner; High % Low income and homeless youth; High % immigrant youth or children of immigrants)
- Residents tend to work in service industries including tourism sectors of central and north county and have heavy use of public transportation systems to get to work

As we seek to improve educational systems for our students and their families in Anaheim, Santa Ana and East Garden Grove, it is critical that we are kept together for purposes of representation at the state and federal levels. These districts all receive common forms of state and federal categorical aid based on our common demographics. It is imperative that the Commission provide redistricting lines that provide us consistent representation that will further our continued ability to work in these areas TOGETHER in improving academic improvement with our students.

### **Problems with the First Draft Commission Maps**

I am concerned about the first draft Commission maps because:

- Santa Ana and the Anaheim “flats” are not paired in the Assembly, Senate, and Congressional maps despite their many similarities.
- 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.
- Also, the Commission’s State Senate map that includes Santa Ana does NOT include Anaheim, but the “flats” of Anaheim is the only adjacent area that is similar enough to justify pairing with Santa Ana.
- Also, the Commission’s Assembly map that includes Santa Ana includes Northeast Orange – an area that is very different than Santa Ana and has very different representation needs. In addition, the Assembly maps disperse Latino voters from Santa Ana and Anaheim into several districts and, thus, weaken the Latino electorate’s voice, opportunity to elect candidates of choice, and ability to hold elected leaders accountable.

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

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**Public Testimony at Redistricting Public Hearing**

**CSUF**

**June 18, 2011**

Hello members of the redistricting committee .My Name is Lety Hernandez I'm a proud grandmother in my community

I'm here today witness an appropriate decision. A decision that can affect my community, I would like to see Anaheim and Santa Ana joined together a separation can be a devastating effect in our children education, culture, and history. If a separation were to happen we will lose the years of community partnership. Our children are our future we cannot settle for less.

To the members of the committee I urge you to listen to every speaker and make an appropriate decision.

With Peace and Love,

Lety Hernandez

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**Public Testimony at Redistricting Public Hearing**

**CSUF**

**June 18, 2011**

Hell my name is Maria Rosa Guzman I live in the beautiful city of Anaheim.

I would like to thank the California Redistricting Commission for taking the time.

The city of Santa Ana and Anaheim should be kept together.

- We are a Latino Community
- We would like for a representative to advocate for our children education
- Our student in Santa Ana and Anaheim share common education needs (Second Language Learners) High after school need)

The City of Anaheim Hills have different education standard. It is import that Santa Ana and Anaheim do not separate.

Maria Guzman

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Testimony to the Redistricting Commission  
June 18, 2011

Good afternoon commission members. My name is Jesus Silva and I live and work in Orange County.

I would like to direct your attention to your current map of the 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional district. In this current district you have divided a community that will, under your current plan, completely disenfranchise an entire Latino community. What I would ask of you today is to bring together the community of west Anaheim and Santa Ana into one congressional district. These two areas of Orange County have strong family, cultural and ethnic ties.

Many of the blocks in the community contain multi-generational homes. The sons and daughters of the original owners have and are coming back to the neighborhood they grew up. These friends and families come together through out the year and celebrate many traditional holidays, such as Las Posadas, Dia de los Muretos.

And when these neighbors are not in their homes, many can be found working in the Anaheim resort area. These are the blue collar workers that make sure Disneyland and the surround hotels stay in business.

It is also for the above reasons that I would ask you to reconfigure State Senate District 34. This district also has a large Latino population that needs to stay intact.

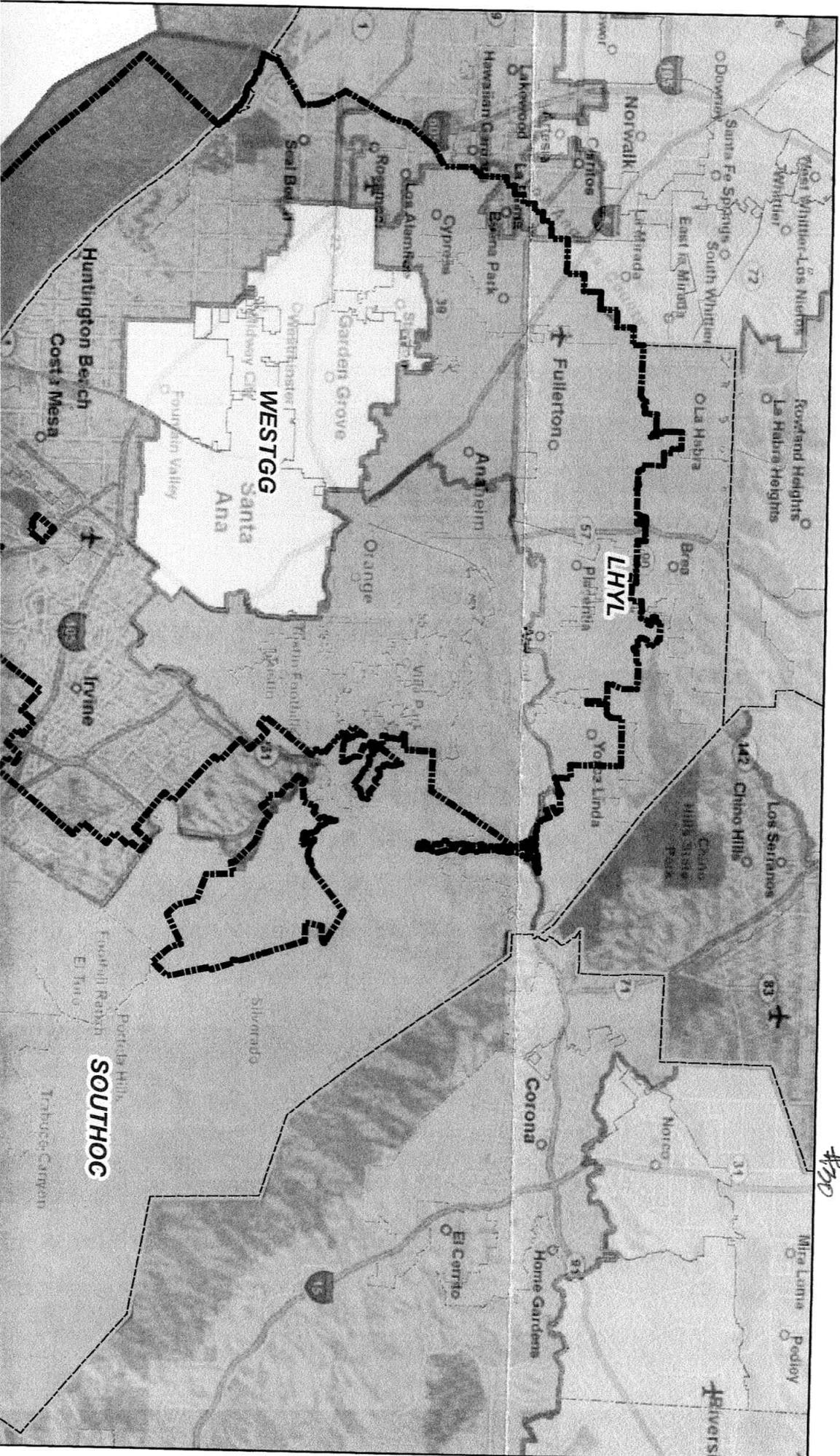
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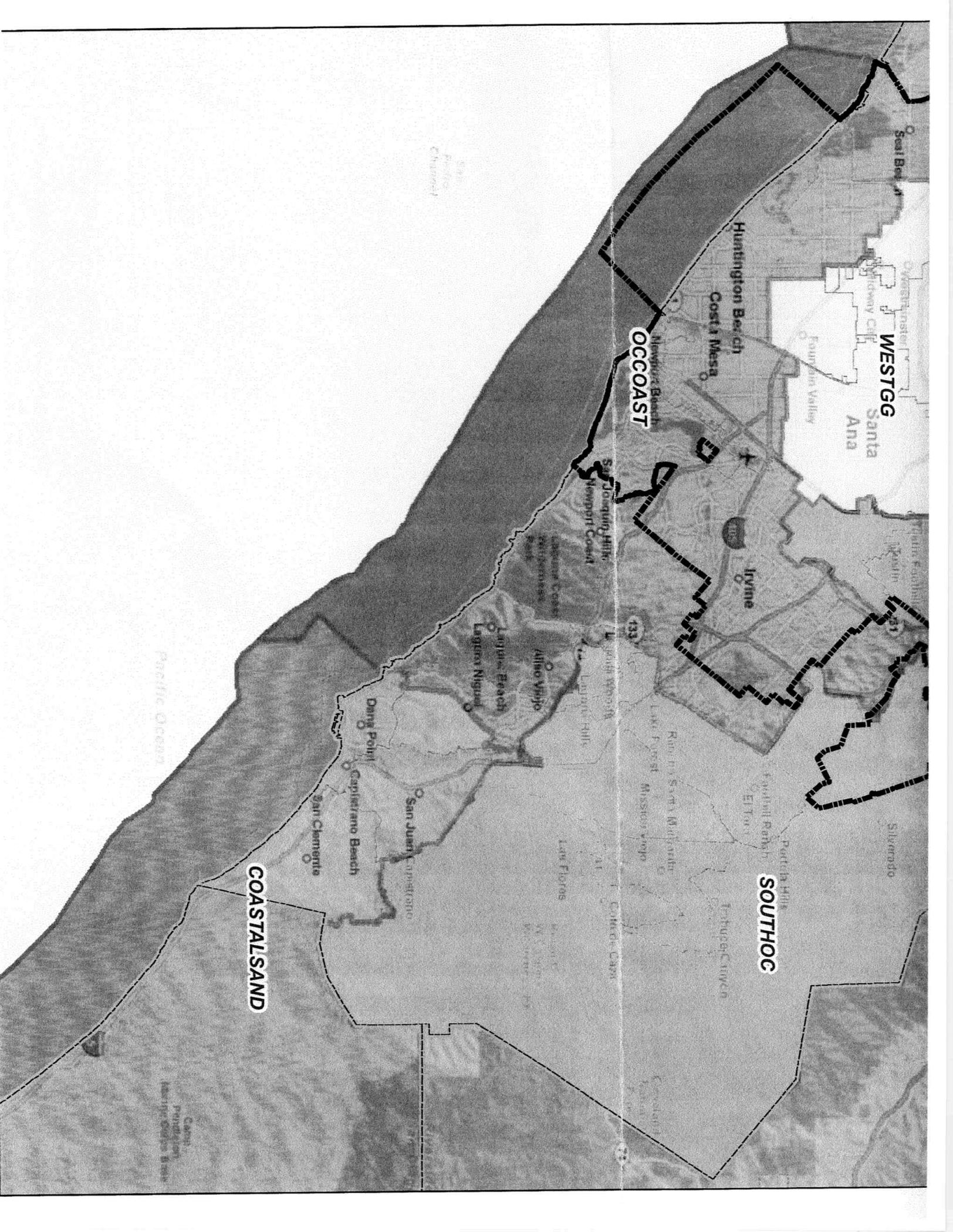
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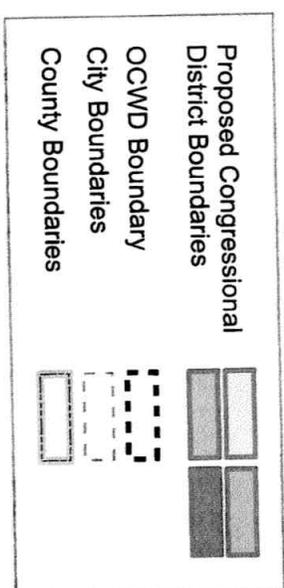
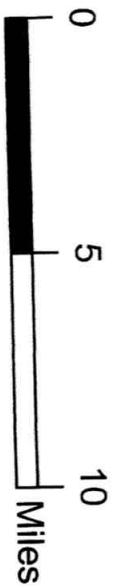
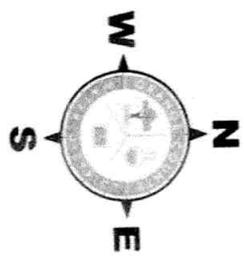
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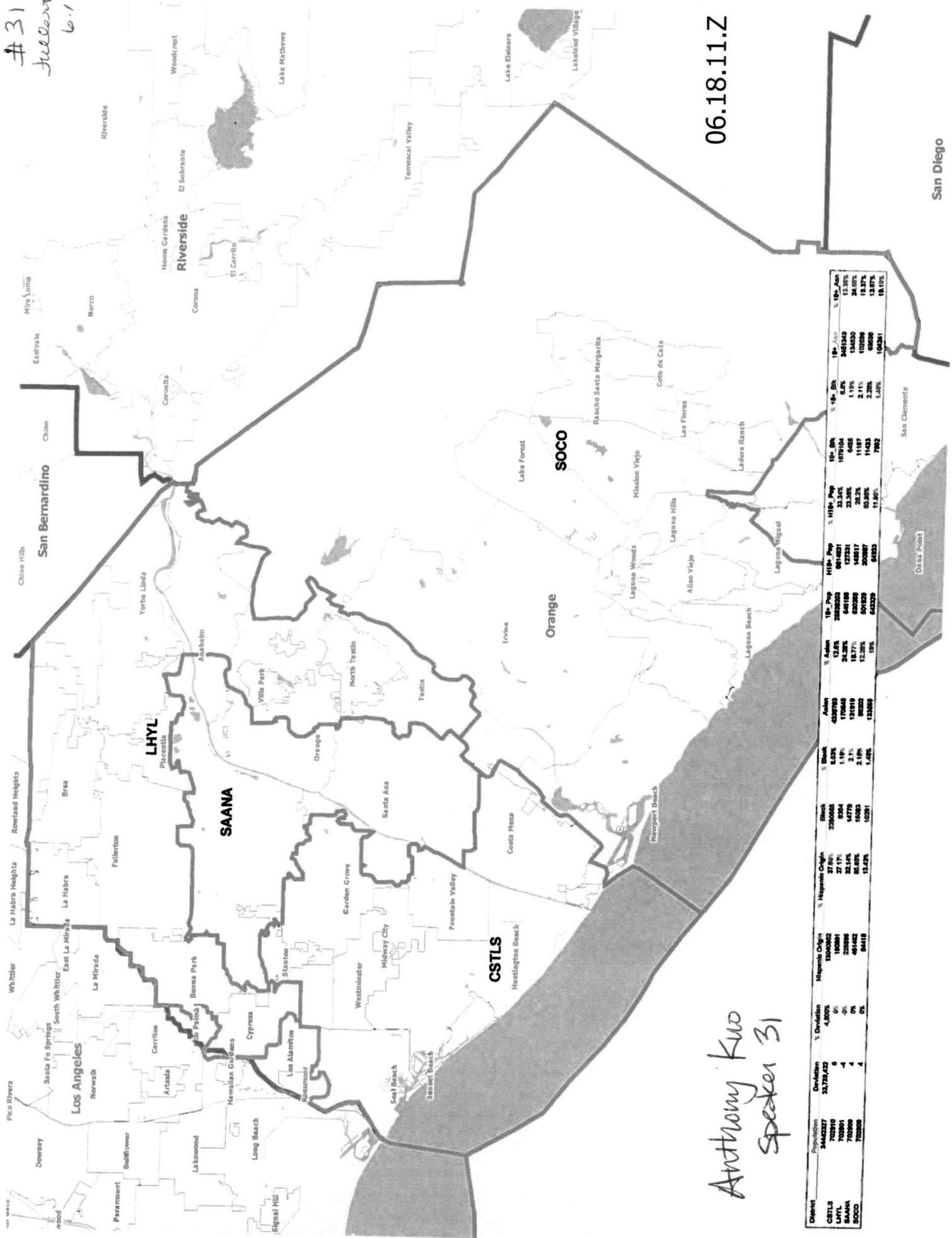
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# Orange County Area

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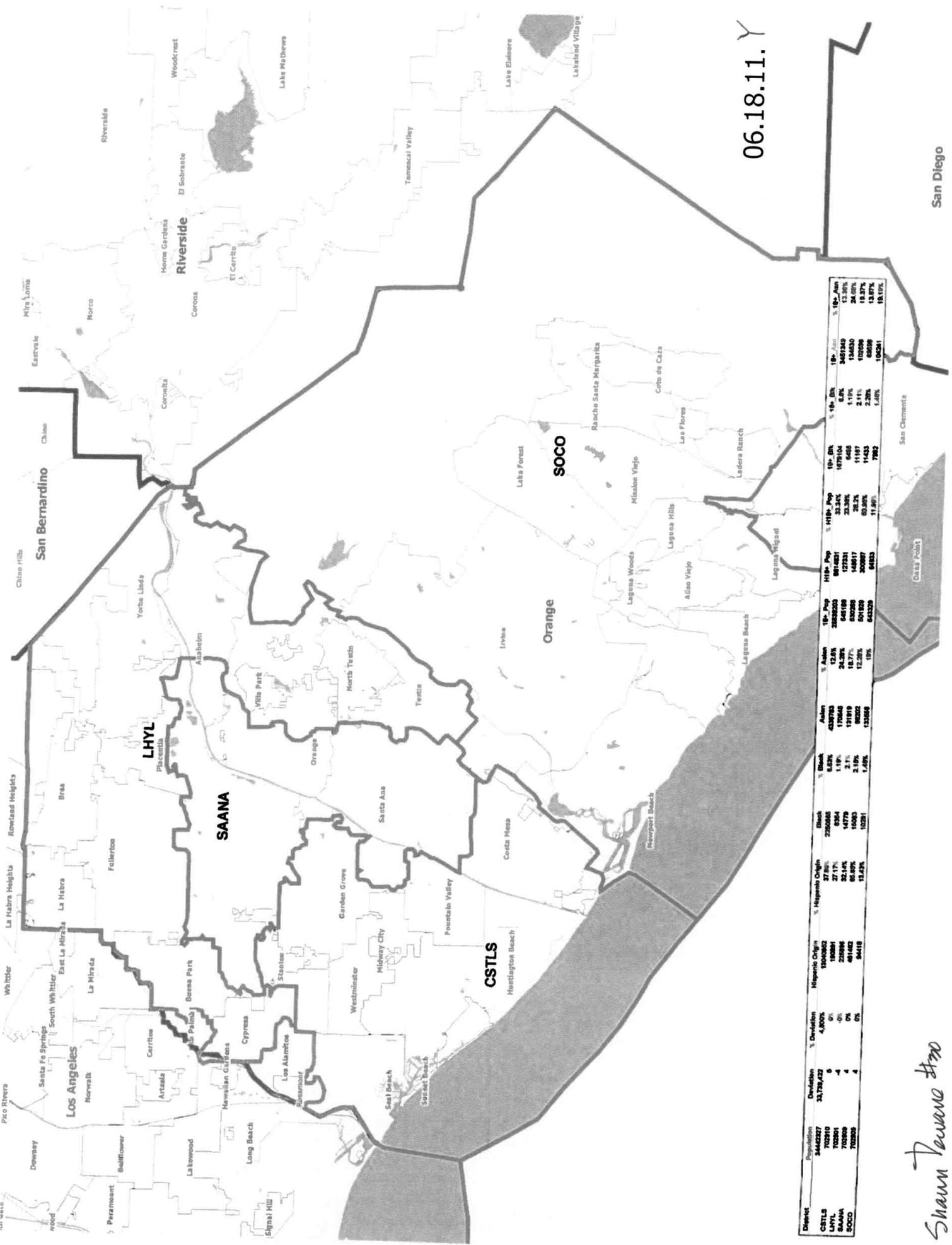
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Speaker 31

District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	Hispanic Origin	% Hispanic Origin	Black	% Black	Asian	% Asian	18+ Pop	% 18+ Pop	18-24	% 18-24	15-19	% 15-19	19+ Jun	% 19+ Jun
CSTLS	340227	-3,728,432	-4.80%	150000	37.3%	220000	1.1%	450000	12.6%	250000	32.3%	107104	6.4%	650	1.5%	11449	13.3%
LHYL	702501	0	0%	220000	27.1%	8204	1.1%	131919	24.3%	640180	33.3%	27331	1.5%	650	1.1%	11449	16.3%
SAANA	702500	4	0%	46142	6.6%	16000	2.1%	8222	12.7%	30000	20.0%	14817	2.1%	11449	2.2%	68000	13.8%
SOCO	702500	4	0%	34115	13.2%	10201	1.4%	133600	19%	64520	11.8%	8433	0.1%	782	1.4%	10031	18.1%

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District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	Hispanic Origin	% Hispanic Origin	Black	% Black	Asian	% Asian	10+ Pop	10+ Pop %	10+ Pop	10+ Pop %	10+ Pop	10+ Pop %
CSTLS	344,227	33,729,472	4,800%	150,000	27.8%	220,000	6.3%	430,000	12.5%	250,000	25.3%	1,000,000	29.1%	1,000,000	29.1%
LHYL	70,290	-	0%	22,000	31.3%	8,000	1.1%	170,000	24.2%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%
SAANA	70,290	-	0%	22,000	31.3%	8,000	1.1%	170,000	24.2%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%
SOCCO	70,290	-	0%	22,000	31.3%	8,000	1.1%	170,000	24.2%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%	1,000,000	14.3%

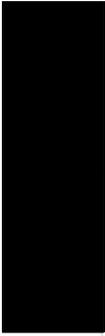
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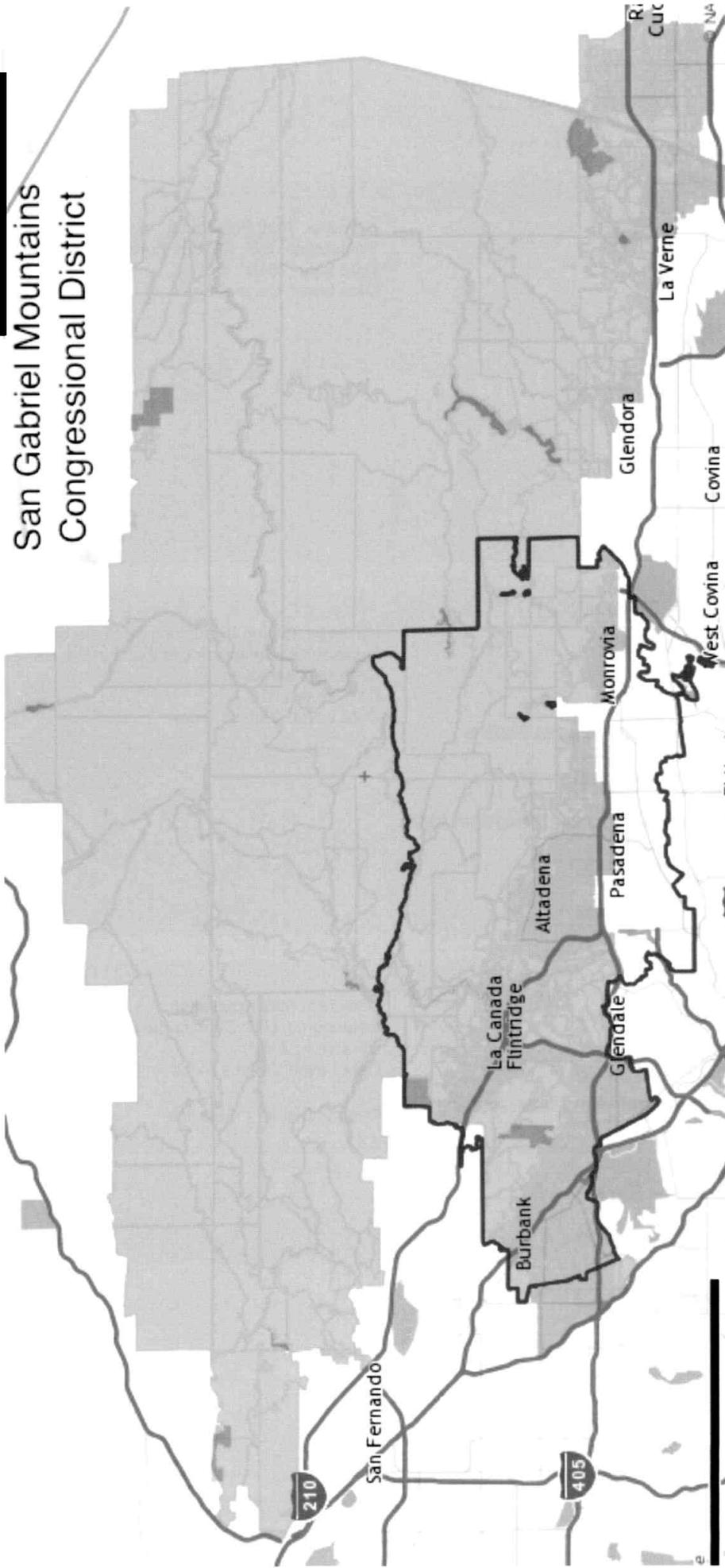
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BRIAN FULLER



San Gabriel Mountains  
Congressional District



Red Block - commission  
Blue Outline - citizen proposal

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### Population

Total Population: 702,905

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

### Citizen Voting Age Population

20.52% Hispanic or Latino  
10.28% Asian  
0.57% American Indian/Alaska Native  
6.96% Black or African American  
0.14% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone  
61.29% White Alone  
0.25% Two or More Races

Universe: Citizen Population 18 Years of Age or Older  
Datasource: Statewide Database at the University of California Berkeley  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

### Ethnicity / Race

26.83% Hispanic or Latino  
52.48% White alone  
5.37% Black or African American alone  
11.99% Asian  
0.43% Some Other Race  
2.90% Two or More Races

Universe: Total Population  
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census  
Data Year: 2010  
Data Level: Census Block

Original District = Blue line