

June 29, 2011

City of  
**HIGHLAND**  
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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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**Subject: City of Highland – Congressional Redistricting Lines**

Dear Commission:

The City Council of the City of Highland has reviewed the First Draft Congressional Redistricting lines. The City Council respectfully requests that you reconsider adding the City of Highland to the Mono/Inyo/San Bernardino District instead of the San Bernardino-Rialto District.

The City of Highland is located in San Bernardino County at the eastern end of the San Bernardino Valley, just north of Redlands and west of Yucaipa, at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains. The most common languages spoken in our city are English and Spanish.

Common goals and services of Highland, Redlands and Yucaipa include the following:

1. Highland, Redlands and Yucaipa share a long and rich citrus heritage.
2. Highland and Redlands share the Redlands Unified School District.
3. Highland and Yucaipa share the same fire, police and paramedic service providers.
4. Highland, Redlands and Yucaipa share the Santa Ana & Mill Creek washes.
5. Highland and Redlands share I-210, Boulder Avenue/Orange Street and Alabama Street – major thoroughfares. The City of Highland has partnered with the City of Redlands in joint infrastructure projects on major thoroughfares to both cities. To seek grants and federal funding, it would make sense that we would be included in the same Congressional district.
6. Highland is working on a Master Trails System that involves the connection with the Santa Ana River Trail up to the Pacific Crest Trail of which Redlands is a part.
7. Highland and Redlands are two agencies participating in a multi-jurisdictional environmental document for the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan.

[REDACTED]  
Highland, CA 92346

**City Council**

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For these reasons listed above, the Highland City Council respectfully requests your reconsideration of placing the City of Highland in the Mono/Inyo/San Bernardino District, allowing our jurisdiction the opportunity to continue our common goals with Redlands and Yucaipa. We feel the benefits and continuity will continue to create positive multi-jurisdictional enhancements for the residents of our City.

Attached is a map of the First Draft Congressional Map of the San Bernardino-Rialto District. The City of Highland is highlighted in yellow in which we are asking to be placed in the Mono/Inyo/San Bernardino District.

Thank you for your consideration and undertaking of this monumental task.

Sincerely,

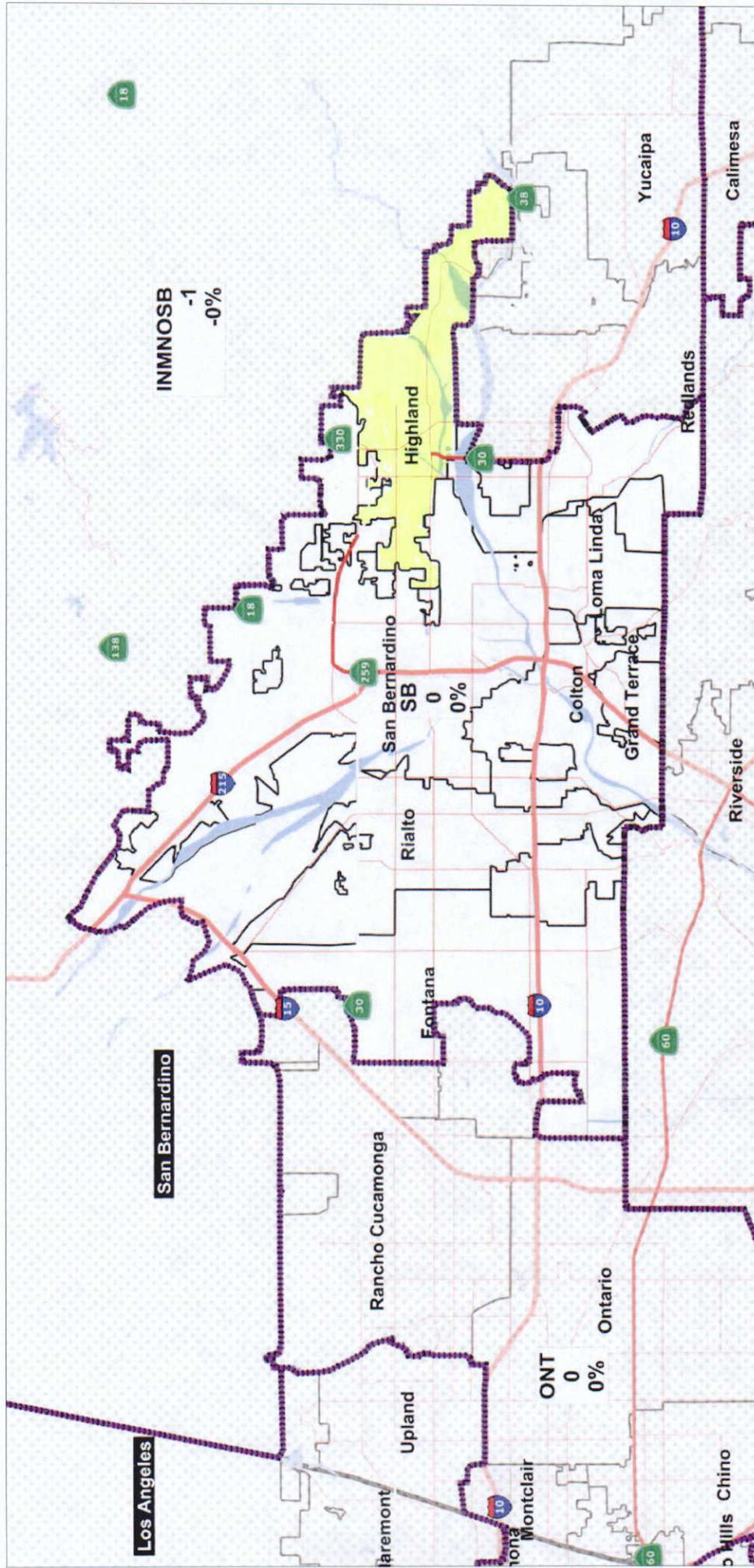


Penny Lilburn  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Highland

Attachment: Map

cc: Highland City Council  
Joseph Hughes, Highland City Manager

# California Congressional - SB



**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

**From:** Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/29/2011 9:51 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LOSGFM and SBRIA - Option 2 Pomona

Message Body:

As I commented yesterday, these are very good maps. LOSGFM keeps communities of interest together. These are communities which have a tremendous amount of compatibility. They do work. live and recreate together. I live in Montclair, my brother lives in Claremont. Another relative lives in Upland. There is strong sense of identity with these communities.

SBRIA is also a good map. Compact. It keeps communities of interest together. Fontana, Loma Linda, San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto - all have strong historic ties. All have very strong economic ties. It also makes for a stronger seat when looking at ethnicity and the VRA.

I would strongly support LOSGFM and SBRIA as noted in Option 2

Bill Ruh

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

**From:** christi schneider <christi [REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/29/2011 11:36 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: christi schneider < [REDACTED]>

Subject: Crestline, CA

Message Body:

As a resident of Lake Arrowhead, I strongly urge the commission to reconsider their decision to split Crestline from the other mountain communities. Their issues, concerns, lifestyle, etc. are not aligned with San Bernardino. Crestline has the same issues as all of the mountain communities, snow, fire, and evacuation. They are served by the same school district, fire district, water district, etc. as Lake Arrowhead. In addition, there are many local organizations that provide assistance and services to Crestline as well as Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs. Some of these are Boys and Girls Club, Hearts and Lives, Arrowhead Arts Assoc. (providing music classes and lessons to local students), DOVES, Rotary, and scholarships for High School students (including those from Crestline) from many philanthropic organizations on the mountain. I realize that the commission is faced with a difficult task, and I strongly urge them to keep Crestline's 10,770 residents in the same A!

sembly Dist. as Lake Arrowhead, and adjust the numbers by combining other areas that have like needs.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

**From:** Eleanor HBorkowski <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** 6/29/2011 1:30 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Eleanor HBorkowski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please keep the Action's committees report for redistricting as it now stands with Redlands bein;g with Loma Linda and Highland.

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Board of Supervisors  
County of San Bernardino

NEIL DERRY  
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT



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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: San Bernardino County

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

As a longtime resident of the County of San Bernardino and the representative for the Third District of the Board of Supervisors, which is also in the midst of the redistricting process, I am intimately familiar with the communities of this county. Upon reviewing some of the proposed maps, I wanted to express my concerns.

I have serious reservations over the proposal to divide Redlands into two different congressional districts such that a part of Redlands would be in the same district as other counties hundreds of miles away. Not only is the City of Redlands arguably one of the most unified and cohesive communities in the county, it shares a long-standing relationship with the City of Loma Linda. They are essentially "sister cities" and their bond is strong. I urge you to reconsider.

Additionally, the San Bernardino mountain communities stretching from Crestline to Big Bear and the Victor Valley epitomize the definition of "communities of interest." It is difficult for me to understand the rationale behind your decision to divide these homogenous communities.

At times, leaders in the Victor Valley have pitched the idea of consolidating their local jurisdictions into a singular municipality; and others have initiated efforts to form their own county.

Whether it is the fallout from the real estate crash, water and renewable energy sources, military base impacts and transportation corridor implications, the overwhelming majority of the issues these residents encounter fall along the same continuum of importance. Be it environmental concerns, invasive insects and pests, concerns about being discriminated against by insurance companies, development and urban sprawl, our mountain communities share commonalities on many issues.

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These communities have been ravaged over the last decade by a series of wildfires and a bark beetle infestation that has killed hundreds of thousands of trees. They are susceptible to storms, flooding and earthquakes which can destroy major routes of transportation and impede evacuation efforts. During an emergency, it is imperative these communities be represented by a single elected representative that has invested his or her time in becoming keenly aware of their needs and concerns.

Undoubtedly, the task before you is very difficult – one that I do not envy. And though I have no doubt that you all are doing your very best to reconcile all the competing interests before you, I cannot help but feel that to some degree our county is being treated as an afterthought. San Bernardino County is the largest county in the nation with arguably the most diverse population and topography in the nation. Because your commission is lacking a representative from San Bernardino County, I truly hope that you will give serious consideration to the concerns I have brought forth in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NEIL DERRY', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

NEIL DERRY  
Supervisor, Third District

# REGION 2: SAN BERNARDINO

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

June 26, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sirs:

I am writing on behalf of Chino Hill's residents who would oppose the plan to split the city into two congressional districts. I disagree with all those who would believe Chino Hills would be better off to be aligned with Pomona and Los Angeles – you would only need to drive on the city streets of Pomona to know you would not want to be associated with that city – the roadways are in horrible condition. In addition, northern Chino Hills would be left to receive services from Los Angeles County instead of from San Bernardino County.

The idea is also flawed because it reduces the Chino Hills population to only 30,000 residents when competing for federal assistance against other much larger Los Angeles County cities – thus becoming a stepchild of Los Angeles County.

It is a very bad idea, as acknowledged by the Chino Hills City Council, to have our population of 77,000 broken into two pieces for the benefit of some political party's gain while the residents of northern Chino Hills would suffer from these someone's zealous ideas. Also, no one even knows at this time if there would be further and future ramifications from this bad idea, such as tax burdens, etc. I vehemently oppose this redistricting plan and am very surprised that any of our residents would think it is even a realistic idea.

I love the beauty of Chino Hills, its solid infrastructure, the constant upkeep, its dedicated services and I specifically chose to live in this northern portion of the city.

I staunchly support the City Council's opposition to this redistricting plan.

Sincerely yours,



Eugene Riddick

Chino Hills Resident