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Subject:Potential Gerrymandering in Orange County

Date:Tue, 7 Jun 2011 10:53:54 -0700

From:Ben Alvillar <[REDACTED]>

To:<[REDACTED]>

Dear Commision Members:

In today's Orange County Register (June 7, 2011) I read a disturbing article on the possible redistricting here in Orange County. Hispanics are the largest ethnic group after Whites here in Oraqnge County and we have only 1 congressional District, which is predominately Democratic and is currently held by a very capable Hispanic woman. According to the article, the district is going to be wiped out entirely leaving no district within the county with any possibility of electing a Hispanic. I have lived in Tustin, here in Orange County for 35 years and have never been able to help a Democract get elected to office, let alone a Hispanic due to the gerymandering that has been historical here in Orange County. And yet the county is at least 35% hispanic.

This situation has caused many Hispanics to not even bother to vote since the results are a foregone conculsion. On the other hand, from the looks of the map in the article, it looks like the Vietnamese community political interests were kept in tact and even enhanced, thus ensuring an Asian congressional district. I have no objections to Asians having their fair representation, but what about us? Don't we deserve at least 1 Hipanic district?

I realize the map is just tentative, but these tentative proposals have a way of becoming permanent. I therefore am putting the commission on notice that if the unthinkable happens and we Hispanics lose the only congressperson who takes an interest in our community, you can expect many lawsuits to undo this unjust proposal. I'm sure that you are aware that you also run the risk of being in violation of the Federal Voting rights Act. So please keep these points in mind before you foolishly eliminate the only district where Hispanics have a reasoonaable chance to elect our own representative.

Sincerely, Benjamin Alvillar,Ph.D.

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Christina Shupe
Senior Operations Analyst

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

June 7, 2011

Dr. Gabino Aguirre, Chair
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: City of Los Alamitos' Comments on Tentative Orange County
CD and AD Redistricting Maps**

Dear Dr. Aguirre and Members of the Redistricting Commission:

On June 6, 2011, the Los Alamitos City Council deliberated and developed formal commentary regarding the tentative Congressional District (CD), State Senate and Assembly District (AD) maps for Orange County. In the Commission's recently released tentative District Maps, the City of Los Alamitos was placed in proposed State Senate and Assembly Districts that include Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Newport Beach and portions of Costa Mesa. In short, our City has been inappropriately included in a newly created "coastal Assembly District." That would result in fewer opportunities to work with cities like Cypress, La Palma, Garden Grove and Stanton, which share significant "communities of interest."

The City of Los Alamitos is the second smallest city in Orange County, and it is located at the northwest edge of the County adjacent to Long Beach and a group of Southwest Los Angeles County cities known as the Gateway cities. Over the years, our City has been successful in nurturing local alliances and areas of interest with our neighboring Orange County cities, and State and Assembly District members to the east of us Cypress, La Palma, Garden Grove and Stanton. In cooperation with local cities, Los Alamitos has worked to establish a regional Police Communications Center and developed a mutually staffed Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) Team. Additionally, the aforementioned cities are served by the same water providers, refuse collection firms, Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Fire Stations #2 and #17, and a regional medical center which handles trauma cases occurring north of the 405 Freeway.

Accordingly, my colleagues on the City Council and I believe strongly that Los Alamitos has developed important working relationships with those cities and has created significant "local communities of interest" that would be substantially weakened by the proposed Districts that would include larger coastal communities. Our strength and identity is, in part, developed by the relationships and commonalities shared with Cypress, La Palma, Garden Grove and Stanton. We feel that to be placed in a "coastal district" with larger, affluent coastal communities, would serve only to marginalize a



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small, but important City in Orange County. Our concerns in many cases will simply not be their concerns.

In response to the tentative Congressional District maps, it appears that the Commission is somewhat undecided in where it seeks to place Los Alamitos. In one version, our City is included as a part of a Los Angeles County/Long Beach District. In another, the Commission has placed us in a similar new coastal district, as described above. Our request is consistent with that stated above in that our City be placed in a District with common communities of interest. As it pertains to Los Alamitos, the boundaries depicted in the recently released tentative District maps do not meet the specified criteria of the Citizens Redistricting Commission with regard to "local communities of interest" and maintaining "contiguous borders."

Finally, we want to add that we have also reviewed the comments made by the Association of California Cities – Orange County (AOCC-OC), and with regard to Los Alamitos, we concur with their recommendations.

My colleagues and I appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at [REDACTED], extension 201.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS



Kenneth Stephens
Mayor

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cc: City of Cypress
City of La Palma
City of Garden Grove
City of Stanton
Association of California Cities – Orange County

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Jerry Hereford <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 02:56:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jerry Hereford <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Changing Boundries of District 40

Message Body:

We currently are residents of Westminster, CA 92683 and I am in Congressional District 40. Our congressional representative is Ed Royce. Based on an article in the local paper it appears that under a new redistricting plan we will no longer be in District 40 and our new congressional representative will be representative Loretta Sanchez. We find this very unsatisfactory. Since Representative Sanchez allegiance is to illegal immigrants, we as AMERICAN CITIZENS feel that we will have no one to represent us in Congress. It sort of reminds us of 1776 - Taxation Without Representation.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Jo Hereford

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Subject: Fwd: NO to pending redistricting shown in the OC Register

From: Olerose <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:28:01 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Olerose <[REDACTED]>

To: votersfirstact <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tue, Jun 7, 2011 1:22 pm

Subject: NO to pending redistricting shown in the OC Register

My hometown has been thrust into a highly gerrymandered new district as shown in the draft map featured in the June 7 OC Register. This is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Patricia Rosenberg

[REDACTED]

Santa Ana, CA 92706

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Mary Pearlman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 15:44:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mary Pearlman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please stick to geography

Message Body:

and total population. My district right now is all over the darn map from Long Beach to Newport. Let the political chips fall where they may, and let us all get to know our representatives.

Thanks.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Tony H Tran <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 14:20:50 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tony H Tran <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District Drawing

Message Body:

We would like to keep district drawn for Little Saigon on June 2nd

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Nga Huynh <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 15:14:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Nga Huynh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

keep the original map

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: ninh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 17:31:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: ninh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keep orange map

Message Body:

please keep the orange map on 6-2-2011

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Dung Tran <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 14:55:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dung Tran <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keeping Little Saigon in one district

Message Body:

Please keep the area of Little Saigon within one district, as presented in the district drawing on June 2, 2011. We would like to have a fair representation of the Vietnamese Americans in the political process.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Hue Huynh <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 15:40:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Hue Huynh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

keep the old map

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: minh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 17:29:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: minh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Subject:

Message Body:

keep the orange map on 6- 2-2011.. thank you

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: minh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 17:34:13 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: minh ngo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keep orange map

Message Body:

please the orange map on 6-2-2011. thankyou

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "(Mr.) Leslie K. Le" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 06:57:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: (Mr.) Leslie K. Le <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commission:

The district drawn on June 2nd, 2011, is good for all of us. We are very happy with that draw. We would like to request the Commission to go with the June 2nd draw. Do not change for we want to have chance to voice our interests.

So, please make the June 2nd Draw official.

Thank you very much.

Leslie K. Le

(A registered voter for more than 20 years)

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Tuan Chau <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 02:14:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tuan Chau <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep district 6-2

Message Body:

Please keep district drawn for Little Saigon on June 2nd .

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