

Subject: Comments on Region 3 - Orange County

From: "Jacob F. Rems" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:00 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

June, 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jim Rems and I've been a resident of Orange County for more than 40 years, and a resident of the City of Irvine for more than 37 years. After a considerable amount of time studying the draft maps and associated correspondence, I would like to offer some observations and comments to this honorable body.

As a mapping expert, I can appreciate the work that went into the draft maps and subsequent adjustments prior to publication. I can also appreciate the skill that will be necessary to adjust boundaries of the various districts to satisfy the many comments, desires, wishes, and concerns of the California Electorate, and of the many special interest groups. No small task, that.

From the perspective of an Irvine resident for many years, I'd like to offer to this Commission a few comments which, when taken as a whole, you will accept as constructive suggestions. Prior to offering these comments, it would be appropriate to tell you that Irvine has very little in common with the geographical area lying north and west of Freeway 55 (Costa Mesa Freeway). This area is generally 'built-out', in terms of available land for new communities. Where, on the other hand, South County, the geographical area south and east of Freeway 55, will not be 'built-out' for at least 30 years and is dominated by master planned communities. It is a well settled fact that the City of Irvine's community interest and identity is with South County.

I voted to establish the Citizens Redistricting Commission so that common sense and a fair redistricting process would be established. I'm sure that millions of Californian's feel the same. We are looking to you to make sure the will of the people in establishing district boundaries is fair and equitable, and most importantly, that the district boundaries make sense. It does not make sense, for example, to include portions of South County, namely San Clemente and the surrounding areas, in a district dominated by San Diego County. That small patch of Orange County should be included in an Orange County district.

Likewise, it does not make sense to include Irvine in a Coastal District that stretches north to the Los Angeles County line. We have nothing in common with Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, or Costa Mesa. But we do have many things in common with San Clemente (and all of the communities in between Irvine and San Clemente), especially its master planned communities.

In reviewing the Commission's maps, and the many maps submitted by concerned citizens, one map dominates the nearly ideal district boundaries that I would support: that map was submitted by Shawn Dewane. I don't know Mr. Dewane, nor have I ever met or talked with him. And with the exception of not including the San Clemente area within his map boundaries, it's nearly perfect. Two other maps that were submitted to the Commission that were reasonably well thought out were the maps submitted by the Armenian National Committee of America, and the WARD Economic Development Corp. Both were not as impressive, however, as the Dewane map.

Because of the clarity of boundaries, the inclusion of all of South County with its unique community structure, and because the Dewane map makes sense, I want to offer my support and encourage your Commission to accept the Dewane map as a basis, and as an example to your staff, for mapping the various districts in Orange County (and perhaps elsewhere).

The nation is focused on your actions. What you do in this redistricting process and the maps you create will either be a model for the nation, or it will show that the great state of California, through this Commission, is incapable of employing the least bit of common sense.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on the subject matter at hand.

Jacob F. (Jim) Rems
Irvine, CA

Subject: Splitting our city

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 1:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Please don't split our city into two congressional districts!!

We respectfully request you vote no on this proposal to split our city in half. We have lived here for over 20 years and feel this would be disasterous for the representative power in our city. We have been extremely happy with the representation we have received from Gary Miller and being included with Orange County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly & Bruce Madewell

Subject: Santa Ana and Anaheim districts

From: Glenn Hayes <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:49 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I am Glenn Hayes and I am the President and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Service of Orange County, a community based nonprofit corporation that has served north and central Orange County for over 30 years. Our offices are located in downtown Anaheim and we serve families throughout the county but our focus has traditionally been on Hispanic and Asian families in north central section of the county.

I strongly support keeping Santa Ana and the "flatlands" of Anaheim (west of the 57 freeway, south of the 91 freeway) together when drawing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts. 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
- Southwest Orange (west of the 55 freeway and including Chapman University)

There are numerous reasons I believe a community of interest would be served by this action. Affordable housing for working families is generally located within this area and commercial services serving this population are available here. Social service organizations also are geared to serving this traditional working class neighborhoods. Paring these areas with affluent areas to the east and south would not be in the interest of these residents.

Thank you for your service and your thoughtful consideration of the needs of Santa Ana residents.

Glenn Hayes

President & CEO

Neighborhood Housing Services of Orange County

Subject: Redistricting/Public Input Hearings

From: John Briscoe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Redistricting/Public Input Hearings

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the Citizens Redistricting Commission hearings and proposed Congressional Redistricting Maps, I would like to state as a Resident of Fountain Valley, that our city -Fountain Valley-does not share a "Community of Interest" with the City of Santa Ana.

We do however share a "Community of Interest" with the City of Huntington Beach for the following reasons:

- 1.) We share the same Orange County Sanitation District.
- 2.) We share many of the same School Districts.
- 3.) We share many of the same Cultural and Community Service Clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.).
- 4.) We also share many of the same sports leagues and teams.

For this reason we ask that we be included in upcoming redistricting maps with the City of Huntington Beach.

Thank you for your consideration.

John W Briscoe

[REDACTED]

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting

From: Linda Morrow [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 4:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

My husband Carmen Morrow and myself Linda Morrow have lived in Huntington Beach since 1979. We support the redistricting map that was presented by Shawn Dewane which relates to the Orange County Water District. Federal aid goes to this district. This map would also preserve our Huntington Beach Union High School District which includes six high schools - four in Huntington Beach, one in Westminster and one in Fountain Valley. federal funding is involved here. Also these high schools enjoy economies of scale since some services, such as those for the handicapped, are offered in on of the schools. these schools have collaborated and built good relationships with each other over the years.

We have no commonality with Irvine. Irvine opposed the airport; we strongly support having an adequate airport in Orange County. We are centra Orange County and Irvine is in south Orange County. There interests are different from ours. We haven't dined in Irvine nor do we go to the movies there. We do not shop there either.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that I support the redistricting map contributed by Shawn Dewane of the Orange County Water District.

Best Regards,

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Morrow

Subject: REDISTRICTING SUGGESTION

From: CRAIG GREEN <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

To: California Redistricting Commission

From: Craig S. Green, City Treasurer, City of Placentia (An Elected Position)

RE: REDISTRICTING SUGGESTION

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to ask that you please consider going back to your first iteration of the redistricting map that you had for the 72nd Assembly District. That map had the 72nd Assembly District comprised of Anaheim (less Anaheim Hills), Placentia and Fullerton. As a long-time activist, and now City Treasurer for the City of Placentia, I know very well, the value of solid, available representation at the State level. These three cities, together, truly are the model of what the Redistricting Commission is charged with doing throughout the State. Diversity, coupled with commonality of interests, a recognition of City and County boundaries and shared interests in local projects, issues and citizens goals are all realized with these three cities as the 72nd District.

The Cities of Placentia, Anaheim and Fullerton have a myriad of projects, relationships and issues that they have worked on together for many years and continue to do so. Having our Assemblyman "local" and not spread "too thin" has been of immense benefit and proved invaluable for support. There are eleven railroad grade separations that comprise just one of the current major projects of concern and is just one of many that the three cities work together on with Cal-Trans, the railroads, the County of Orange and other State Agencies. There are 11 grade separations that have Fullerton, Placentia and Anaheim working in concert to accomplish. The efforts of our State officials, in combination with those at the County level have had a very positive effect on getting things done.

Whether it's traffic mitigation; signal synchronization; local academic issues or projects including California State University Fullerton, Fullerton College or the myriad of school districts that are intertwined between these three cities and their student populations, working together at all levels, especially the State level, is not only important but vital for all concerned in these three North Orange County cities.

Again, I am asking the Redistricting Commission to please establish the 72nd Assembly District as you did in your first iteration of the District, with Anaheim (less Anaheim Hills), Fullerton and Placentia together as the 72nd Assembly District. The value of citizen/city representation has been, and will continue to be, vital for Placentia and it's relations our three cities share. Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Craig S. Green, Treasurer

City of Placentia



Subject: Redistricting Map

From: Amy Harman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:42 PM

To: CA Citizens Redistricting Commission <[REDACTED]>

To: The California Citizens Redistricting Commission
2011

Date: June 27,

As a long time resident of Fountain Valley, I am very disappointed in the first draft legislative maps. Fountain Valley has lost its traditional communities of interest by being split off from Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa. In their place is the city of Santa Ana, with which we share nothing in common. Those of us in Fountain Valley share school districts, medical facilities, shopping malls, community service organizations, entertainment media, restaurants, etc. with Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa. We seldom have any interaction with Santa Ana.

As an Asian American, I agree with your desire to keep Little Saigon cities of Westminster, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove together. But I disagree with cutting them off from Huntington Beach. Huntington Beach has a rapidly growing Asian-American population and is closely integrated with these neighboring west Orange County cities, which have nothing in common with Santa Ana. (I am an officer in a very prominent Women's Volunteer Organization located in the city of Huntington Beach)

For the aforementioned reasons, I support the Shawn Dewane Congressional Redistricting Map as the best solution to keeping these longstanding communities of interest together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy (Hayashi) Harman



Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Members of the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I live of the city of Westminster and am a former teacher in California's junior and senior high schools. I am disappointed in the current draft maps, because they do not respect Westminster's traditional community of interests. We've long enjoyed tightly integrated cultural, civic and economic relationships with Huntington Beach. The current draft maps sever us from Huntington Beach and put us together with Santa Ana, a city with which we share very little in common.

We share school districts, shopping malls, hospitals and restaurants with Huntington Beach. None of these are shared with Santa Ana, Laguna, or Irvine. In fact, I very rarely venture to those cities. I live in Westminster but shop and dine in Huntington Beach.

Transportation routes flow freely between Westminster, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, but our transportation with Santa Ana, Irvine, Laguna, or Los Angeles County is much more limited.

Please do not separate Westminster from Huntington Beach, its closest economic and cultural neighbor. Also, please do not dump us into legislative districts with Santa Ana or Los Angeles County, communities with which we have very little educational, economic or social interaction.

We suggest that the Shawn Dewane congressional map be considered as a model for keeping together our communities of interest in west Orange County

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanne Simpson

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Westminster, CA 92683

Subject: Redistricting - Fountain Valley

From: "Glorria Morrison" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:39 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley for 45 years. When I saw the new districts I was shocked.

Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster must be in the same district.

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My children and now my grandchildren go to Fountain Valley School District schools but to Huntington Beach Union High School District high schools. The Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach City, Ocean View and Westminster School Districts all feed into the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBHS, FVHS, WHS, etc.) This would be crazy to break Huntington Beach out and put it with south county.

I work on contracts with the Coast Community College District (CCCD). They include Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster. Why would you want to pull Huntington Beach out and put it in south county when we all work together to educate our children Kindergarten through grade 14?

I worked for Huntington Beach Fire Department for 31 years and recently retired. Both the fire service and the police service have regional breakdowns for law enforcement and the fire service. Huntington Beach is in the same fire and police region as Fountain Valley and Westminster. We have a command vehicle the 3 cities share; HBFD and FVFD are discussing sharing Battalion Chiefs; we respond across city boundaries and assist each other. Huntington Beach Police and Fire would never respond to Irvine or Laguna Beach. It just doesn't work that way. (For more information contact the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriffs and they can brief you on how public safety, disaster response, and Orange County regions work. Irvine is the lead city for south county and Huntington Beach is for the north coastal county and Anaheim for north county. In Huntington Beach's region is Fountain Valley and Westminster.

In writing disaster plans, the greatest threats of earthquake, flood and dam failure are to Huntington Beach (at sea level), Fountain Valley (a valley) and Westminster. We work together to upgrade flood channels and to mitigate flooding like the Santa Ana Main Stem Project. We often do joint projects to protect our populations. We are on the same Newport-Inglewood Fault and work together in planning our response to disasters. When Huntington Beach is hit by a tsunami, our plans call for working together to evacuate our population to Fountain Valley and Westminster.

Frankly every public safety and education concern we have in Fountain Valley is connected with Huntington Beach. We recommend keeping Huntington Beach connected to Fountain Valley and Westminster in a district.

Lloyd and Glorria Morrison

[REDACTED]
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Esteemed Commissioners:

My name is Richard Ramirez and I am a retired professor and administrator from Fullerton College. I live in Anaheim, CA and I am involved in educational experiences for the underserved populations in Orange County, CA. I write today on behalf of Anaheim and Santa Ana residents.

I respectfully urge the Commission to keep Santa Ana AND the flatlands of Anaheim (west of the 57 fwy, south of the 91 fwy) together when drawing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts. 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 Brookhurst or Euclid Ave. if Brookhurst is not possible)
- Southwest Orange (west of the 55 fwy and including Chapman University)

There are numerous reasons I believe(s) a community of interest would be served by this action. Similarities within the geography of interest, for example, include the following:

- 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).

In short, 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. The Commission's Congressional maps divide Anaheim's traditionally working class neighborhoods across two districts, instead pairing them with much 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. 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. 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 your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Richard Ramirez

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Rafael Preciado <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rafael Preciado <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistrict

Message Body:

I was at the public hearing at Cal State Fullerton, but did not get a chance to make my voice heard. As an Hispanic American and long time resident of western Garden Grove, I am very disappointed in the first draft congressional maps. Garden Grove does not belong with Santa Ana and has much more in common with west Orange County cities like Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. I urge you to reconsider these lines and link Garden Grove, Westminster and Fountain Valley with Huntington Beach, NOT Santa Ana.

I think the map presented by Water Commissioner Shawn Dewane at the hearing looked like it might be able to achieve this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rafael Preciado

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Wendy Valencia <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wendy Valencia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistrict

Message Body:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Valencia

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Imelda Preciado <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Imelda Preciado <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistrict

Message Body:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Imelda Preciado

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Michelle Houser <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michelle Houser <[REDACTED]>

Subject: keeping Anaheim flatlands and Santa Ana together

Message Body:

I live in east Garden Grove, in one of the most diverse communities in Orange County. I was speaker #46 at the Fullerton hearing.

I have lived in this community for nearly 2 decades and our family has has three students go through Garden Grove HS. I want to reiterate that our community is connected with Anaheim flatlands, Santa Ana, and Orange west of the 57 fwy.

The heart of our community is Disneyland and the resort area...elsewhere in the county, communities are connected through parks and community centers, but in central Orange County, it's Disneyland.

Our children often have their first job in the resort area, our teachers work at Disneyland in the summers, and because housing is a little cheaper, many people who work in the resort district year round live in our connected communities.

I want to remain in Assembly, Senate, and a Congressional district where we remain connected. It's important that our elected leaders understand the needs of our working class families including transportation, health, job development, and more.

I would like to add that it is equally important that Orange County has an opportunity to elect representatives that reflect our diversity, namely, that our vibrant Vietnamese and Latino communities each have the ability to be represented. There is enough room and certainly enough justification for both communities to be able to elect culturally relevant candidates without having to wage political war against each other.

Our two communities, Latino and Vietnamese, have been expanding in specific neighborhoods within central Orange County. While I understand the urging of some electeds to keep cities undivided, it simply doesn't make sense here. Our cities are already separated by income and opportunity, by freeways, and other boundaries. The maps I'm submitting separately show where these communities of interest have greatest density and will serve to promote the ability for each to elect representatives that truly represent our interests.

Our county is becoming increasingly diverse, and to force these two communities to fight it out would prevent our county from electing the representation that mirrors our diversity. The currently proposed maps would instead ensure that our electeds would be predominantly Anglo and the way that our community is divided, unlikely to be representative of our economic status. This would be unfair and tone deaf.

I am separately submitting a set of maps as sketches which outline both of our communities at all three levels of government. I haven't calculated the population to be sure the areas fulfill your requirements, but can be used as a rough sketch to show how our two diverse communities can be represented equally instead of having to fight it out for lesser representation.

My maps/sketches are labelled Centr1_OC_AssemblyOverlay, Centr1_OC_SenateOverlay, and Centr1_OC_CongressionalOverlay

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Gene Soss <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:39 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gene Soss <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Gene Soss from Huntington Beach. I strongly disagree with your first draft map, especially the one concerning congressional districts. Exacerbating this is the lumping of us with the city of Irvine, a south county mega city with which we share no commonalities.

Irvine is more suburban with a huge university. We have nothing in common with Irvine and other south county cities: newer communities that are master planned and relatively new compared to Huntington Beach and other west Orange County cities.

I do most of my cultural outings locally and if I do venture beyond west Orange County, I would never consider going to Irvine or South County. The traffic alone makes the journey burdensome, but more than that, culturally, Irvine is far removed from the kind of places we go to in west Orange County.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Sincerely,

Gene Soss

Huntington Beach

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Michelle Alipio <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michelle Alipio <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Irvine resident and public school interests

Message Body:

June 28, 2011

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been an Irvine and Orange County resident since 2007. While I recognize the momentous task at hand and appreciate your efforts, as a parent of a child in public school in the Irvine Unified School District, I do not support the first draft Congressional or State Senate redistricting map. The first draft maps do not allow adequate representation for Irvine public schools or the Irvine Community. Due to dwindling resources from the State, it is vitally important that Irvine students have representation in the legislature so that their ability to apply for government funding remains competitive. By grouping Irvine with North County cities with opposing interests, Irvine students will be the ones to lose out!

Irvine has historically been aligned with South Orange County and has historically had opposing interests with cities in North Orange County. Irvine's alignment with South Orange County was even recognized in the decommissioning of the former MCAS El Toro in the 1990's, in which Orange County created a North-South dividing line. Following the decommissioning, the South County cities, including Irvine, formed the joint-powers agency "El Toro Reuse Planning Authority" (ETRPA), commonly known as the "El Toro Community," to defeat a planned commercial airport at the base creating a very clear identity as an anti El Toro airport/pro Great Park "community of interest." Currently, The Great Park is still in the planning stages. It is geographically a South Orange County focal point bordered by Irvine, Lake Forest and near Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills.

South Orange County residents (including Irvine, Lake Forest, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills residents) still identify themselves as the El Toro Community. It is important that the cities of the "El Toro Community" and South Orange County have common legislative representation and are not divided. Huntington Beach and other cities in North Orange County SUPPORTED the proposed El Toro airport. Therefore, Irvine DOES NOT share a "community of interest" or any other interest with cities in North Orange County, in fact we are OPPOSING "communities of interest."

Irvine remains one of the most celebrated, largest and most successful master-planned communities. Significant to Irvine's master plan is the almost exclusive use of villages/communities separated from each other by major arterials and regionally serving commercial centers, schools and community amenities. The use of master planned communities clearly defines and differentiates Irvine and the other South Orange County cities from those in North Orange County, who employ more traditional grid layouts.

The transportation and infrastructure needs of South Orange County are quite different from that of North Orange County. Both the roadways and mass transit infrastructure align and incorporate Irvine into South Orange County, as does the water infrastructure and municipalities.

Irvine is home to Irvine Valley College, a regionally serving 2-year public community college, a part of the South Orange County Community College District, serving Irvine and points south to the county line. This means Federal and State funding is at stake and proper Federal and State representation is critical.

The Irvine identity is so aligned with South Orange County that even our telephone area codes incorporate Irvine with South Orange County. North Orange County has the 714 area code and South Orange County, including Irvine, use the 949 area code.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that I ask the Citizen Commission to recognize the clear opposing interests of North Orange County and South Orange County, and in doing so, also recognize that the interests of the city of Irvine are best and most adequately represented when included in legislative districts with their South Orange County sister cities.

I also support the recommended maps submitted by Shawn Dewane from the OC Water District as the best solution for Congressional redistricting maps and hope you will find a similar solution for the Assembly and State Senate maps as well.

Sincerely,

Michelle Alipio
Irvine Resident

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Yvette Ollada <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:10 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Yvette Ollada <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Irvine public schools interests in redistricting and representation

Message Body:

June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

901 P Street, Suite 154-A

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As an Irvine resident since 2007, I am concerned for my local community. I currently serve on the PTA of Eastshore Elementary School in Irvine and volunteer with the Irvine Public School Foundation. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in developing fair redistricting maps, but do not support your first draft Congressional or State Senate redistricting maps. The first draft maps do not allow adequate representation for Irvine public schools or the Irvine Community. Due to dwindling resources from the State, it is vitally important that Irvine students have representation in the legislature so that their ability to apply for government funding remains competitive. By grouping Irvine with North County cities with opposing interests, Irvine students will be the ones to lose out!

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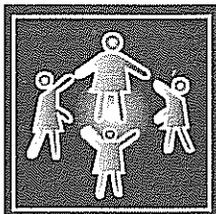
Sincerely,

Yvette Ollada
Irvine Resident

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CASA DE LA
FAMILIA

June 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Esteemed Commissioners:

CASA DE LA FAMILIA, is an award winning non-profit organization providing mental health services in Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside counties for over 10 years. CASA DE LA FAMILIA is dedicated to helping both the victims of crime and families of those who have sustained emotional injury as a result of a crime through psychological counseling and/or psychiatric treatment. Our service area includes the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana, with predominant clientele from the City of Santa Ana.

CASA DE LA FAMILIA provides mental health services to over 1,000 victims of violent crimes each year of which we saw an increase of domestic violence, child molestation, sexual assault, and surviving family members of homicides in the past year. In 2010, our *Promotores* (Community Health Workers) conducted outreach to over 19,800 individuals in Orange County.

We respectfully urge the Commission to keep Santa Ana and the flatlands of Anaheim (west of the 57 fwy, south of the 91 fwy) together when drawing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts. 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)
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- Southwest Orange (west of the 55 fwy and including Chapman University)

There are numerous reasons CASA DE LA FAMILIA believes a community of interest would be served by this action. Similarities within the geography of interest, for example, include the following:

- 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.

In short, we are 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. The Commission's Congressional maps divide Anaheim's traditionally working class neighborhoods across two districts, instead pairing them with much 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. 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. 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 your consideration of our request.

• SANTA ANA, CA 92701 •

• LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 •



Kathy Barnum Agency

June 28, 2011

Honorable Chairman
Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Comments from Kathy Barnum of Dana Point on the Citizens Redistricting Commission's First Draft of State Senate and Assembly District Maps

Honorable Chairman:

I write to strongly object to the Commission's redistricting proposal as it pertains to the City of Dana Point. The city is a small coastal community encompassing 6.6 square miles with a closely-knit population of approximately 37,000 residents.

As a vibrant city that depends heavily on tourism and coastal access for much of its income, it is imperative that Dana Point be grouped with other South Orange County coastal cities. We share many of the same issues and goals and have working arrangements that have been in place for years with our neighboring cities. We routinely work together on a variety of matters that impact our financial, cultural, recreational and environmental concerns. To split Dana Point and place a portion of it into a new district containing cities that do not share our values, interests and priorities would be a serious mistake.

Dana Point and its neighboring coastal cities work cooperatively with CALTRANS, OCTA, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County of Orange, and a variety of state agencies. Our collective interests and/or priorities do not always coincide with those of non-coastal cities. I have been a resident and business owner in Dana Point for over thirty-five years. I believe I know the community well, its governmental agencies and value system. I believe the planned redistricting will have a detrimental impact on much of what Dana Point has accomplished and hopes to accomplish in the future.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the current plan and keep Dana Point in a district that is solely composed of similar south Orange County cities. I also agree fully with the Dana Point City Council's Resolution No 11-06-13-02 that has been sent to you previously.

Sincerely,

Kathy Barnum, President

Subject: Orange County Redistricting

From: "Sharon Quirk" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:27 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

June 28, 2011

Redistricting Commission Members:

My name is Sharon Quirk-Silva and I am currently serving my second term on the Fullerton City Council. I have been a teacher for the Fullerton School District for over 25 years. I grew up in Fullerton and have lived here all my life. For the past 15 years I have worked in the same neighborhood and school I attended, South Fullerton and Richman Elementary. The school is designated as a Title 1 school. Over 90% of the students are Latino, 73% are English Language Learners and 82% are identified as socio-economically disadvantaged. It is with these kids and families in mind that I am writing to you.

In the commission's first draft of the redistricting process, families and communities of interested from West Anaheim and Santa Ana, all with the similar characteristics of South Fullerton, were divided up and disempowered. These three communities need to be put together so that they may be able to elect a representative who understands and can address their needs. One way to begin to empower and give these communities a voice would be by combining the cities of Santa Ana, West Anaheim (west of the 57 fwy) and South Fullerton (south of Chapman) when considering state and congressional districts.

Other areas of similar demographics that might be taken into account to meet the population requirement are East Garden Grove and Southwest Orange, including Chapman University and its surrounding area.

Fullerton is a great place to live and raise a family. One of its many enriching qualities is the diversity it offers. Having such great diversity brings along the added responsibility of meeting the needs of all the citizens. As Fullerton attempts to meet its responsibility to its Latino population (35%), I feel our job would be much easier if this community of interest had a fair chance of electing a state and/or U.S. representative who understood the needs and wishes of the community.

I hope you keep taking the needs of this "community of interest" into account, as your visualization maps seem to indicate, when you release the final maps.

Sincerely,

Sharon Quirk-Silva,
Mother, Community Activist, Teacher and Fullerton City Council Member

Subject: Letter in Support of Shawn Dewane Congressional District Map

From: "Anna Bryson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:44 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

As a recently re-elected trustee, on the board of the Capistrano Unified School District, (which covers the southern half of Orange County), I must express my concerns about the recent map for redistricting. Also, as a resident of the city of Laguna Niguel, I have grave concerns for the interests of the residents and students, if we are to be placed in the same districts with the completely different northern county cities. Our climate, topography, water and land use, plus educational issues are substantially different and it would not be to the benefit of the residents and students to grouped be with the northern county cities.

South County's population is unique and should be a separate Congressional District including the cities with whom we have common binding interests going forward.

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The first draft which removes Irvine, and places it with a coastal district, then puts South County with the dominant North County City of Orange, is not in the best interests of our populated and special area.

Please note my support for the Shawn Dewane congressional district map ---- this gives us a congenial family of cities who know one another and can work together through the problems sure to confront all of us in this economy.

With respect and regards,

Anna Bryson
Trustee
Capistrano Unified School District
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57 schools, 53,000 students, 5,000 employees

Law Offices of Kermit B. Marsh

Suite 250
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

June 28, 2011

California Redistricting Commission
votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Re: Redistricting for Westminster

Dear Honorable Members of the Redistricting Commission:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kermit Marsh. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Westminster, and I served for 10 years as a Westminster City Councilman. I attended your community gathering at Cal State Fullerton to speak to you regarding the concerns of many residents of Westminster regarding the proposed redistricting boundaries. Regrettably, I drew a very high number, and I never had the opportunity to speak with you. I am therefore sending you this letter, instead. I am writing to convey our Westminster community's concern that the draft legislative maps separate Westminster from its closest economic and social relationship, which is with Huntington Beach.

Did you know that more than 50% of all traffic that enters and exits Huntington Beach passes through Westminster? Our two cities are joined at the hip, and it makes no sense to separate us for legislative districts.

We have almost no interaction with Santa Ana. We do not share school districts, boys and girls clubs, scouting units or sports leagues. There is almost no economic interaction between Westminster and Santa Ana. The people of Santa Ana also agree with us. This was confirmed by more than fifty Santa Ana residents who spoke to the Redistricting Commission at Cal State Fullerton to request that they not be placed with Westminster but instead be placed with what they called "flat Anaheim" and selected tiny portions of Garden Grove and Orange. (The large number of speakers from Santa Ana may be part of the reason why myself and several other speakers from Westminster did not have the opportunity to be heard.)

There is even less interaction between Westminster and Los Angeles County, and we were shocked to learn that the Commission is considering placing Westminster with parts of Los Angeles County for legislative districts. This makes no sense to us. It also appears to contradict that Commission's stated intent of trying to avoid crossing county lines while drawing district maps whenever possible.

Like many people, I live in Westminster, but I work in next door in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Westminster is a bedroom community, where most people live, but do not work, and many of our residents work in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Costa Mesa, all three of which have extensive commercial office space. For example, although I live in Westminster, my two law offices are located in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. More than a third of my clients are Asian-American-owned businesses. Although the bulk of Asian-American-owned businesses started in Westminster in the 1970s and 1980s and later spread to Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Stanton, the real growth in the Asian-American population right now is in Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa.

My youngest children attend a public elementary school located on the border of Huntington Beach and Westminster, and their school is at least half Asian-American. My oldest child attends a public middle school, located nearly at the intersection of the borders of Westminster, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach, with a population that is at least one third Asian-American. The Ocean View School District, which they belong to, has a rapidly growing Asian population, and three quarters of its schools are located in Huntington Beach, where the Asian-American population is growing rapidly.

Westminster, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach are all part of the Huntington Beach Union High School District. Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach is already at least one third Asian-American, and we can expect the same at Marina High School in Huntington Beach within the next few years.

The primary economic artery of West Orange County is the 405 Freeway, which passes through Garden Grove, Westminster, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa. During my service on the Westminster City Council, I represented Westminster on the Growth Management Area 6 Committee for the Orange County Transportation Authority. Westminster, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, Seal Beach, Stanton and Garden Grove were all recognized on that committee as being part of the same transportation area. Transportation between Westminster and each of these cities is substantial, particularly between Westminster and Huntington Beach. Our transportation with Santa Ana and Los Angeles County is much more limited.

Please do not separate Westminster from its closest economic and social relationship, which is with Huntington Beach. Also, please do not dump us into legislative districts with Santa Ana or Los Angeles County, with which communities we have very little economic or social interaction and which have concerns and priorities which are very different from ours.

We respectfully request that the Commission recognize the centrality of the relationship between Westminster and Huntington Beach and the critical importance of Huntington Beach as part of the growing Little Saigon community, and we would suggest that the Shawn Dewane map of Orange County Congressional districts is the best way to keep together the various communities of interest in Orange County. We would also

respectfully suggest that the Shawn Dewane map be considered as a model for drawing our other legislative districts.

Thank you so much for your taking the time to consider my letter. If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office or to email me at



With warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kermit D. Marsh".

Kermit D. Marsh

KDM/lp

Subject: FW: Letter in Support of Shawn Dewane Congressional District Map

From: "Anna Bryson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:45 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

From: Anna Bryson [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Letter in Support of Shawn Dewane Congressional District Map

Importance: High

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Trustee

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Subject: CRC Maps

From: "jon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:26 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners and staff,

I recently started following the work of the CRC and it seems to be a large task at hand to draw boundaries for all of these districts throughout the state. I am not an expert on the entire state, but I do feel as though I have a good sense of Orange County communities as I was born and raised in the City of Orange.

I recently saw a map online that splits the City of Orange into three different Congressional districts. I would like to strenuously object to breaking my hometown into so many pieces. I understand the important work of the commission is to keep counties and cities whole and to do their best to preserve ethnic communities and neighborhoods, but Orange is NOT like most cities-- we don't have a white area and a Hispanic area, etc. our communities are intertwined throughout the entire City because we all live together as one whole community of interest. In many ways I think Orange is an example of how people from many different walks of life can come together and create a sense of community regardless of where they come from and what other languages they speak.

The City of Orange has a thriving community college district, an innovative medical/hospital area and an historic Old Towne, ALL of these communities must be preserved together or else you will be destroying the sense of community that our parents and grandparents have struggled to create.

I know that your work is to link communities together, but don't do that at the expense of one of the largest cities in Orange County. IF you need a 'bridge' to link those communities together please split the City using the Santa Ana River or the 57 freeway and do not completely obliterate our city boundaries as the current (visualization) maps do now.

Respectfully,

Jon Dumitru
Councilmember
City of Orange

Subject: Comments On CA Redistricting

From: sarah soss <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CA Redistricting Commission,

My name is Sarah Soss and I live in Huntington Beach, CA. I strongly disagree with the first draft congressional maps. Please don't put us together with Irvine and south county. We're coastal people and they're not. We're different. Their's are almost all planned neighborhoods, our's are a bit freer in expression. They're more formal than we are and more suburban oriented whereas we have a sense of community, and the people more inland and in south county like in Irvine are not part of our community.

In short: We have nothing in common with Irvine and rarely go there. In the very least we are asking you to please remove Irvine.

I hope you reconsider the next draft of maps to reflect some of these comments.

Sincerely,

Sarah Soss

Huntington Beach

Subject: City of Orange

From: Ray Grangoff <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Honorable Redistricting Committee Members:

In following the work of the Committee I recently I saw a map online that splits the City of Orange into three different Congressional districts. I would like to strenuously object to breaking Orange in to many districts. I understand the important work of the commission is to keep counties and cities whole and to do their best to preserve ethnic communities and neighborhoods, but Orange is NOT like most cities-- we don't have a white area and a Hispanic area, etc. our communities are intertwined throughout the entire City because we all live together as one whole community of interest.

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Ray Grangoff, Orange Resident

Subject: City of Orange - Redistricting

From: M Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:47 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Honorable Redistricting Commission:

I wanted to thank you for the work you are doing to ensure the democratic process is carried out in an ethical manner. I am optimistic that the lines each of you draw will provide all residents and voters alike with a voice. I moved to the City of Orange five years ago, and purchased a home here two years ago. It is my home, and will remain my home for the rest of my life.

I was drawn to the City of Orange because of the sense of community I felt at the annual third of July event. As I looked around the stands of El Modena High School, I saw a community that represented the State of California. The individuals in attendance, and the family's sitting on picnic blankets represented a diverse group. I saw a community that was balanced in socioeconomic status, balanced in its economy, large enough to sustain its economic health yet still close enough to close down its town center and central plaza for various events and holidays throughout the year. The City has a grand history and dates back to the days when it was part of LA County and predates the County. In fact the County of Orange takes its name from the City. As the fifth largest city in Orange County and one of the largest sales tax generators it is important to keep the City in one Congressional District so that it may have fair representation and legislators will be forced to spend time getting to know the residents they represent. As one of the few Orange County Cities that has available land for growth and one project already entitled and permitted for thousands of homes, the City of Orange will continue to develop into its role as a leading city in the County.

The residents of the City have suffered from partisan gerrymandering for the past 10 years as there are four California State Assembly representatives representing the City. This has diluted our ability to build relationships with our elected officials and has been detrimental to the residents of Orange. Please do not parcel and chop my city apart, please allow us to maintain our diversity, and please help keep a very rare a special community together so that my children can enjoy the same love for their City that I have.

With Regards,

Mike Johnson
[REDACTED]

Orange, CA 92865

Subject: California Redistricting Request: Remove Irvine and Keep Huntington Beach with Newport Beach

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 3:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a proud resident of Huntington Beach, commonly referred to as "Surf City USA." I do not support the current congressional draft map because it doesn't reflect our communities of interest, culturally, civically and economically. It places Huntington Beach with Irvine, Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo, cities with which we have nothing in common. Irvine and other south county cities are in completely different school districts, water districts, and community college districts.

I do most of my shopping and living on Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach, a place where all west Orange county residents hang out. Irvine has similar walking areas with shops but you'd be hard pressed to find people from Irvine hanging out in downtown Huntington Beach. Likewise, those of us in west Orange County rarely venture out to Irvine.

Reminder, I really do want you guys to keep Newport Beach where it is at, with Huntington Beach. I spend a great deal of time shopping in Newport Beach and many of my doctors are there. The Huntington Beach crowd appreciates the costal communities and would like it to be districted that way. **So, please remove Irvine and keep us with Newport.**

I am asking to be not part of Irvine.

Sincerely,

Angela Soss

Huntington Beach

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been an Orange County resident since 1967 and have lived in my present home in Huntington Beach since 1971. I support the redistricting map that was presented by Shawn Dewane which relates to the Orange County Water District. Federal aid goes to this district. This map would also preserve our Huntington Beach Union High School District which includes six high schools—four in Huntington Beach, one in Westminster and one in Fountain Valley. Federal funding is involved here. Also these high schools enjoy economies of scale since some services, such as those for the handicapped, are offered in one of the schools. These schools have collaborated and built good relationships with each other over the years.

We have no commonality with Irvine. Irvine opposed the airport; we strongly support having an adequate airport in Orange County. We are central Orange County and Irvine is in south Orange County. There interests are different from ours. I haven't dined in Irvine but for one meal in the past three years. I don't shop there nor do I go to the movies there.

I shop at the malls in Westminster and Huntington Beach. I also occasionally shop at the mall in Costa Mesa. When I go out to dinner, I dine in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and occasionally in Little Saigon. My Doctors are affiliated with Orange Coast Memorial in Fountain Valley and have their offices in Fountain Valley. My Dentist is in Huntington Beach.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that I support the redistricting map contributed by Shawn Dewane of the Orange County Water District.

Sincerely,



ALBERT E. ROSS

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646

06-28-2011

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have been an Orange County resident since 1967 and have lived in my present home in Huntington Beach since 1971. I support the congressional redistricting map that was presented by Shawn Dewane. This map would respect the community of interest demonstrated by our Huntington Beach Union High School District which includes six high schools—four in Huntington Beach, one in Westminster and one in Fountain Valley. Federal funding is involved here. Also these high schools enjoy economies of scale since some services, such as those for the handicapped, are offered in one of the schools. These schools have collaborated and built good relationships with each other over the years.

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Sincerely,

JOANNE AHMADI, JENNY JENSEN, KACEY GILL, JASON GILL, MIKE AHMADI, JEANNIE AHMADI, DR. BEHROOZ AHMADI, VAL AND PETE PALMER.

p. s. We all reside in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach

Subject:

From: "Rosalia Pinon" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 1:47 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

June 20, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Esteemed Commissioners:

My name is Rosalia Pinon and I am a Community Weaver Coordinator. I live in Santa Ana, CA and work in this city. I write today on behalf of my family, my neighbors of this area where I am living.

I respectfully urge the Commission to keep Santa Ana AND the flatlands of Anaheim (west of the 57 fwy, south of the 91 fwy) together when drawing Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts. If other areas are needed to reach the required population counts, please add-in other adjacent, similar areas including:

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There are numerous reasons I Rosalia Pinon believe a community of interest would be served by this action. Similarities within the geography of interest, for example, include the following:

- 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)
- “There were 34,508 persons in Orange County’s Medical Services Initiative program in August 2010 as reported by the. Fourteen ZIP codes including those from Westminster (92683), Santa Ana (92703, 92704, 92707), Anaheim (92804, 92801, 92802, 92805), Garden Grove (92843, 92840, 92841, 92844), Costa Mesa (92627) and Fountain Valley (92708) accounted for more than 50% of the indigent population.” (Medically Indigent Care Reporting System, 2010)
- Santa Ana and Anaheim accounted for approximately 48% of the total Spanish-speaking Medi-Cal eligible people in Orange County. (“Orange County Geographic Health Profile,” Orange County Health Care Agency Research and Planning, 2011)
- Five cities accounted for 92% of the total Vietnamese speaking Medi-Cal eligible people in Orange County: Westminster, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim, and Fountain Valley (“Orange County Geographic Health Profile,” Orange County Health Care Agency Research and Planning, 2011)

In short, 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. The Commission’s Congressional maps divide Anaheim’s traditionally working class neighborhoods across two

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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Rosalia Pinon



Santa Ana, CA. 92706

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

As a resident of Huntington Beach, the following points are important considerations for inclusion in our district:

---Huntington Beach has a natural community of interest with Seal Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa.

---Huntington Beach does not have a community of interest with South County such as Irvine Laguna Beach, etc.

---Huntington Beach and Westminster are intertwined at with shared school districts at their common borders. Both Westminster and Huntington Beach have major malls near a northern border which are frequented by residents of both cities.

Huntington Beach and Westminster are linked to Seal Beach, Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa by the 405 freeway, which facilitates interaction among residents of these cities.

---South County cities are in different school districts, water districts, community college districts, etc., from Huntington Beach and its neighboring cities.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Jim Kramer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jim Kramer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dana Point and San Clemente

Message Body:

Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, El Toro, Aliso Viejo, and Laguna Niguel - - all belong together. To split Dana Point is ridiculous and to add half of Dana Point and San Clemente to San Diego County makes no sense. Look at the map - - Camp Pendleton stretches for 20 miles separating San Clemente from Oceanside - - these are two different areas of interest. South OC does not mix with Oceanside - - no common areas of interest economically, socially, academically or politically. Try using San Clemente as your southern border and move north until you reach the population numbers needed to qualify a district. But above all, Dana Point and San Clemente must remain in tact and part of south OC.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Marcos Costas <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marcos Costas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dana Point Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

Honorable Chairman:

As a business leader and registered voter who [LIVES/WORKS] in Dana Point, I would like to voice my objections to certain state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the Commission's first draft of the district maps ("First Draft"). As part of that action, I fully support of the Dana Point City Council's Resolution No 11-06-13-02 which can be found on the City's web site at:

<http://www.danapoint.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=9153>

which opposes any state Assembly or Senate redistricting plan that would (a) divide the City geographically and/ or (b) place the City outside of any state Senate or Assembly districts that do not include our neighboring south Orange County cities.

I, and many fellow business leaders in Dana Point strongly feels that our entire city should be grouped with other south Orange County cities for state Senate and Assembly purposes because of the common issues these cities face as well as the strong working relationships and cooperative arrangements they have developed over many years. Shared issues include business matters, ocean water quality, regional transportation at both the local (Orange County Transportation Authority) and state (Caltrans) levels, regional land use planning and affordable housing.

I strongly and respectfully request the Commission to reconsider the state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the First Draft in view of the City of Dana Point's comments set forth in the Dana Point City Council's Resolution No 11-06-13-02. If I can be of any further assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinion in this important matter.

Cordially,

Marcos Costas

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Petti Van Rekom [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 5:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Petti Van Rekom <[REDACTED]>

Subject: State Senate 38 and Congressional 44 Proposed Districts

Message Body:

The State Assembly district (#73) that you have proposed is very good (with the exception of cutting out part of Dana Point). It conforms to the group of cities that identify themselves as "South Orange County". Our local Chambers of Commerce, service organizations, school districts, and chapter of the League of Women Voters - all are grouped as you've depicted. HOWEVER - in the proposed State Senate district (#38) and Congressional district #44, you attached the Southern OC beach cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano with cities in San Diego county to the South. These 3 beach cities have no affiliation with the cities in North San Diego county, no common interest (except the nuclear plant), and no common business, service, school, or social groups. In order to meet your population goals for the State Senate and Congress, I suggest you expand from the Assembly district to include Aliso Viejo and perhaps Irvine. At the hearing in Fullerton there was!

a speaker from Irvine who asked that they be associated with the cities in South Orange County. Since "communities of interest" is a key factor in your maps, I hope you will consider keeping the South Orange County cities together - and not including cities in San Diego county.

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Subject: Public comment, July 28, 2011, from Gregory A. Diamond

From: "Gregory A. Diamond" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I wish to leave you with several brief points.

(1) I was Speaker #120 (next to last, as I recall) at your session in Fullerton. I provided you with two Assembly/Senate maps at that time: #1, which minimized splitting city boundaries and #2, which minimized splitting communities of interest. Having heard testimony before you at that hearing, as well as hearings in Long Beach and Santa Ana, I think that #2 is the better map and encourage you to consider it as a basis for your maps.

(2) I am also concerned that you seem to be creating nested Senate districts that connect more Orange County districts than necessary with those from outside of the county. I urge you to place OC districts together -- South OC and East OC, Coastal and Garden Grove, and Central and North -- so far as is possible.

(3) I attach a Congressional district map, revising one that I presented to you early. Your "First Draft" Congressional lines are in orange; the various colors represent the districts boundaries that I suggest.

(4) I think that your June 22 visualization for Orange County, which combines Santa Ana, East Garden Grove, and central Anaheim into one district along with portions of Fullerton and Orange, is **a tremendous improvement** over your First Draft map (although I think that you may be moving into some of the Vietnamese areas of Garden Grove -- which is fixable.) This will keep from splitting the Latino community of interest in central Orange County that is the most important one to protect. I hope that it will be the basis for your final Second Draft maps.

I note, however, that you leave several "pieces" unfinished: Buena Park and Cerritos are unattached to anything, the Coastal district is too low in population, etc. If you look at my proposed map, you will see that I've solved the problem by having one district curve from the Western half of North Orange County (essentially from north of Placentia and west, dividing Brea in a logical place) down around Western Anaheim and down to the Vietnamese concentration in Westminster and Garden Grove, thus uniting a lot of Asian voters in one reasonably compact district. Chino Hills could instead fit with Diamond Bar, other parts of San Bernardino, or even with Riverside County areas if necessary.

(5) I urge you not to take just one or two (or even non-adjacent, as with La Palma and Los Alamitos) cities and combine them with districts primarily in other counties. These orphaned districts will have a hard time finding good representation. Where you cross county lines, as is inevitable, please group cities together, as you have done with the four southernmost cities of South Orange County, so that there is a nexus of voter strength there that representatives will have to serve. You can do this easily in northwest Orange County by having half a district in the Cypress, La Palma, Buena Park area and half in the Cerritos, Artesia, and perhaps Norwalk area. A candidate would have to seek to serve both communities, as opposed to being orphaned like

Buena Park has been in the current 56th Assembly District.

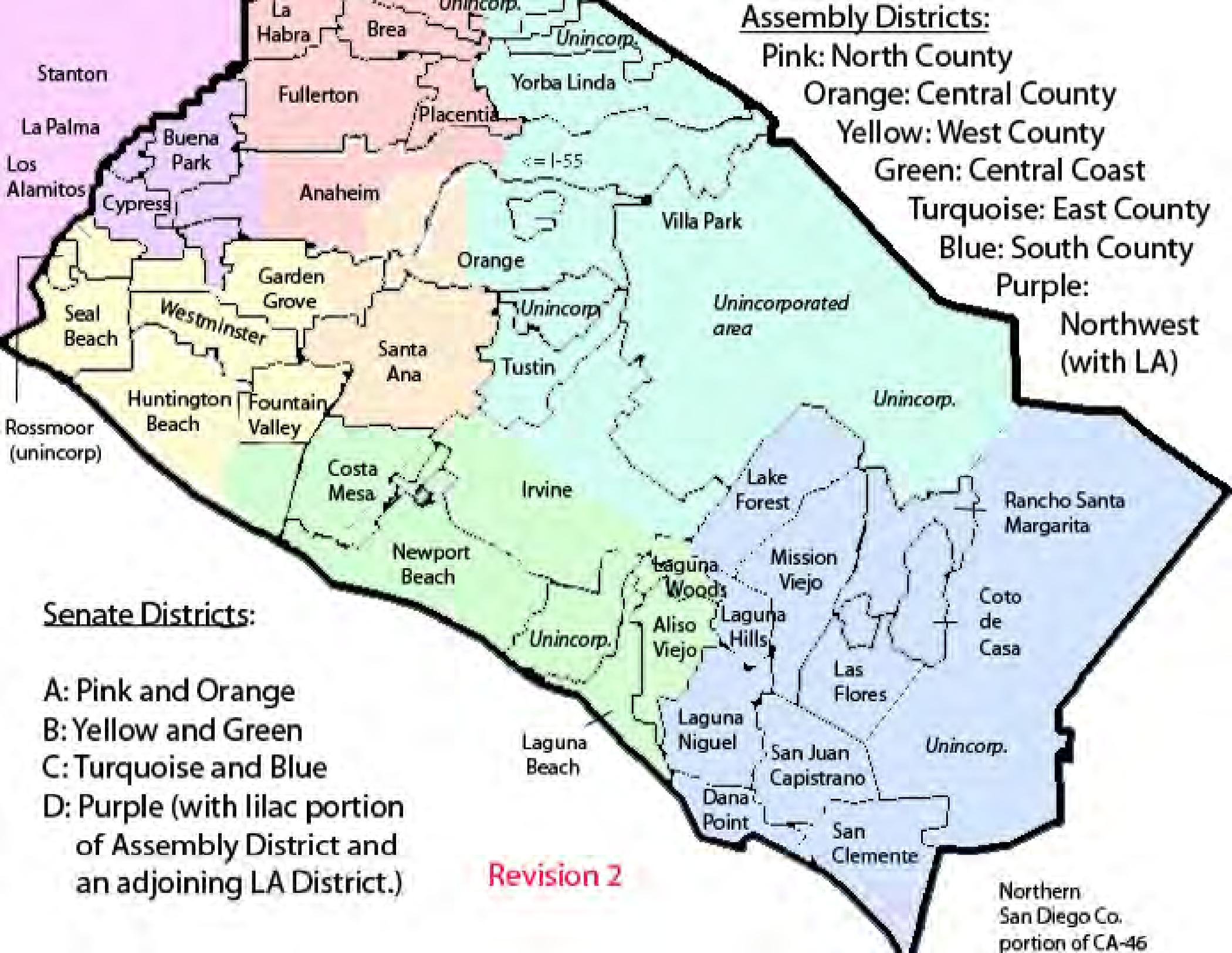
(6) Please do not listen to the "League of Cities" people, who have gerrymandered their own incumbent protection plan, when they say that voters did not want these districts to take note of ethnicity. One of the joys of Orange County is its blend of cultures -- and when you live here you realize that it is very important to people, even as we try to (and usually do) co-exist.

I thank you for your consideration and your service to our state in the interests of fair redistricting. I include the maps I handed out to you for ease of reference.

Greg Diamond



Northern San Diego Co. portion of CA-46



Assembly Districts:

- Pink: North County
- Orange: Central County
- Yellow: West County
- Green: Central Coast
- Turquoise: East County
- Blue: South County
- Purple: Northwest (with LA)

Senate Districts:

- A: Pink and Orange
- B: Yellow and Green
- C: Turquoise and Blue
- D: Purple (with lilac portion of Assembly District and an adjoining LA District.)

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June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Santa Ana, I am writing to express our opposition to the Citizens Redistricting Commission's (CRC) proposed redistricting of Santa Ana and Anaheim. On June 10, 2011, CRC issued a preliminary proposed redistricting map for the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim which would divide the two cities into separate Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts. While we appreciate CRC's effort to reach out to our community at the June 18 public hearing at Cal State Fullerton, and we understand the enormous challenges redistricting poses for CRC, we believe your redistricting map proposal would adversely impact the lives of our residents by dividing our "Communities of Interest". We strongly believe that Santa Ana and the flatland area of Anaheim are intrinsically linked by cultural, language, demographic and socio-economic similarities. Historically, our two cities are linked by a large blue collar working class-immigrant population. Both areas share significant populations that are primarily Spanish speaking, a young median age, and have common health issues related to diabetes, obesity, and a lack of medical insurance.

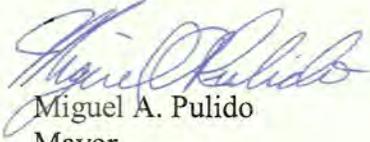
Additionally, Santa Ana and Anaheim have common interests related to a variety of regional transportation and important infrastructure projects. Both cities are pursuing fixed guideway projects and are currently serving as major public transportation hubs and pursuing multi-modal transportation centers known as the Anaheim Regional Transportation Center, and the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center. Santa Ana and Anaheim are older, more densely populated cities with common issues related to aging infrastructure, and along with Fullerton, Anaheim and Santa Ana are the only three cities with direct membership in both the Metropolitan Water District and the Orange County Water District, thus sharing common water resources and needs. Also, because of the common socio-economic demographics, Anaheim and Santa Ana's population tend to share similar transportation habits such as higher bus ridership, and similar recycling and disposal habits.

The Santa Ana and Anaheim Police Departments have also collaborated on numerous programs and projects throughout their respective histories. One important joint program is the Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI) which was designed by the federal government to facilitate a

county-wide strategy, training, and exercise program to increase homeland security and public safety. Through this collaborative effort the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim have distributed over \$60 million dollars in Orange County to strengthen the County's ability to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and natural disasters. Other collaborative efforts with the City of Anaheim include the CAD2CAD project that when finalized will allow all fire dispatch centers in Orange County to automatically dispatch emergency units from other jurisdictions should additional assistance be required. Santa Ana and Anaheim are the lead cities partnering on this project, and also maintain mutual aid agreements for emergency response assistance.

We urge the CRC to consider the intrinsic similarities our two communities share and keep Santa Ana and the Anaheim flatland area as one legislative district. Dividing the communities of Santa Ana and Anaheim will dilute the voice of this working class area and place our residents into more affluent areas that may not have similar interests. It is imperative that Santa Ana and Anaheim flatlands remain in the same state and federal legislative districts to maximize our "Communities of Interest" and to ensure that our residents can continue to elect candidates of their choice who represent their common interests.

Sincerely,



Miguel A. Pulido
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