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May 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
ATTN: Mr. Gil Ontal  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear sir:

I think San Marino should be in the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District with Pasadena.

San Marino along with the communities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, La Canada Flintridge, and Arcadia are part of the Pasadena Area Community College District. Students residing from within these communities take classes together at centrally located Pasadena City College.

San Marino High School along with La Canada High School, Monrovia High School, South Pasadena High School, Temple City High School, and Blair High School (Pasadena) are members of the Rio Hondo League, a California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sanctioned league.

California Blvd is a main east west thoroughfare that begins and ends in Pasadena while transecting San Marino.

Thank you

*Julian L. Harwell* M. D.

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San Marino, CA 91108

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## Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax:

E-mail Public Comments:

June 5, 2011

To the Commission:

Am petitioning the CRC to work with the contiguous "communities of interest" in the Northern Sierra Madre Foothill Mountain 'Gold Line' cities of Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Bradbury, Glendora, Azusa, La Verne, & Claremont to maintain each metropolitan goal of social, educational, political, economic, geographic, and commonality of equally shared interests.

- ALL the above cities are threaded (both current and future) by the Metro Gold Line extension that will network mutual resources into a bond of shared interests
- These cities depend upon the financial flow of traffic linking utilities of common infrastructures and local government councils with ties to similar services required by each city
- While these communities will continue to grow and expand in populations, commercial, residential, agricultural, and educational institutions become increasingly inter-dependent upon neighboring resources
- These 'communities of interest' are under the same inter-city law enforcement, fire control areas, watershed, electrical development, waste management, medical & hospital support systems, similar living standards, common goals, same media of communication relevant to the election process, & commuter transportation facilities
- There is already a high diversity beyond 5% in these cities complying with the federal Voting Rights Act criteria for equitable legislative representation (e.g., Asian-Americans and other 'minority' groups are reportedly over 60% in Arcadia alone).
- Southern-most cities like El Monte, Alhambra, San Gabriel should **NOT** be included in this redistricting as they do not contribute nor share in the above 'communities of interest'.
- Neighbors on same streets in the same city have been 'gerrymandered' into separate precincts leading to much confusion and misunderstanding of how they're being constituted and balloted

Before the commission draws the legislative lines, please review the attached maps as an illustration for fair and balanced representation of an equitable legislature in California in the Los Angeles County, Northern San Gabriel Valley district. Your consideration is critical to the future prosperity, growth, and equal legislative delegacy of these cities. Please keep the redistricted areas fair and balanced for ALL Americans, and not just favored to other hyphenated 'minority' groups (or the 'new' majority).

Thank you.

Sincerely,



R.W. Thee

Arcadia, CA 91007-6103

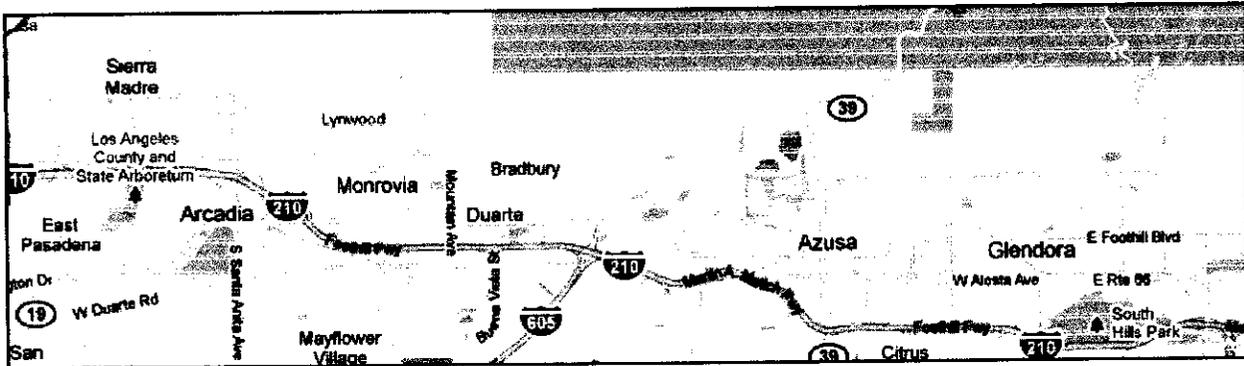
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## **Foothill Communities of Interest (COI)**

### **North San Gabriel Valley / Los Angeles County**

**(Cities: Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Bradbury,**

**Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont)**

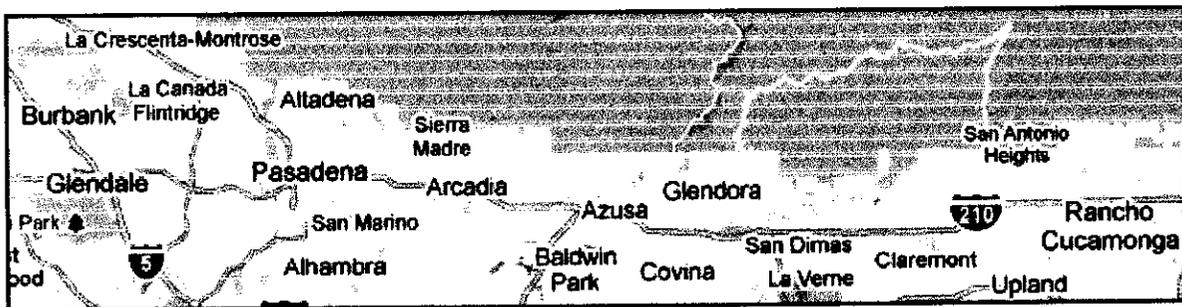


## **Foothill Communities of Interest (COI)**

### **Los Angeles County**

**(Other COI Cities for Separate Consideration: Pasadena, Altadena,**

**San Marino, La Canada/Flintridge, La Crescenta, Burbank, & Glendale)**





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## CITY OF COMMERCE

*Joe Aguilar*  
Mayor

*Tina Baca Del Rio*  
Mayor Pro Tem

*Robert C. Fierro*  
Councilmember

*Lilia R. Leon*  
Councilmember

*Denise M. Robles*  
Councilmember

June 10, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Commerce, I would like to respectfully request the Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Commerce in a single Congressional, Senate and Assembly district. The residents of Commerce strongly support retaining our community within our existing districts. Any redistricting effort that divides the City will dilute our voice in the legislature and compromise our ability to address issues of importance to Commerce and the surrounding communities of interest.

For example, health and environmental matters related to railroad and truck traffic diesel pollution impacts in the region are simply a few areas of concern that are of integral importance to our own community. Our shared interest in addressing environmental justice issues is but one of the many elements that binds the existing communities.

We recognize the necessity of periodically redrawing district boundaries in order to maintain appropriate populations in each district. However, we believe that it is crucial and imperative that Commerce be kept intact to continue the great strides our City has achieved under the existing districts.

Yet, at this time we will refrain from commenting on the recently released first round draft maps approved by the Commission until we've had an opportunity to review and thoroughly study the maps.

Once again, we respectfully urge you to keep Commerce whole for now. Thank you for your service and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Joe Aguilar  
Mayor  
City of Commerce

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## DEL REY HOMEOWNERS AND NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

June 16, 2011

VIA EMAIL, U.S.P.S. and HAND DELIVERY  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: The Del Rey Neighborhood of Los Angeles

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a map showing the boundaries of Del Rey, a community of about 30,000 residents (per Census 2010). Most of our residents and businesses are in the City of Los Angeles, but we do have a small section that is unincorporated county land. Our primary boundaries are: Marina del Rey on the "west," Playa Vista on the "south," Culver City on the "east," and on the "north," the alleys behind the Culver City businesses that front on Washington Blvd..

For the residents and businesses of Del Rey, we would like to have ONE Congressional District, ONE State Senate District, ONE Assembly District and ONE Board of Equalization District. Presently, we do have ONE State Senator, Ted Lieu, and ONE Board of Equalization member, Chairman Jerome Horton.

However, we have THREE Congressional Districts: 36<sup>th</sup> (formerly Jane Harman, west of Centinela Ave.); 35<sup>th</sup>, Maxine Waters (east of Centinela Ave.); and 33<sup>rd</sup>, Karen Bass, zip code 90232.

We also have THREE Assembly Districts: 51<sup>st</sup>, Steven Bradford; 53<sup>rd</sup>, Betsy Butler; and 47<sup>th</sup> Holly J. Mitchell.

From the first Congressional redistricting map (Crenshaw-Leimert Park) that was posted on Friday, June 10, 2011, it appears that you have kept all of Del Rey in a single Congressional district that does not include Culver City, but does include Marina del Rey and the Los Angeles International Airport. That is a good choice for us, and we would

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recommend that the boundaries of our Senate and Assembly districts be patterned as closely as possible after those of the proposed Congressional district..

On the June 10, 2011, maps, we are still split into two Assembly districts with Centinela Ave. as the dividing line. The part of Del Rey that is east of Centinela should be included with Santa Monica, and Playa Vista (south of Jefferson, but west of Centinela Ave.) should be joined with Westchester – Playa del Rey.

The new state Senate district map also appears to split Del Rey in two. Again, this is not advisable because many of the families that live in the eastern part of Del Rey are involved with schools and recreational facilities in the western part of Del Rey.

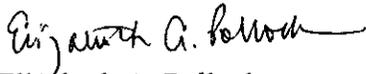
We have no problem with remaining in the Board of Equalization's Los Angeles district.

Del Rey is a "community of interest" as that term is defined by the state Constitution. Del Rey celebrated its 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, and it would like to celebrate its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary by being recognized as a single political unit in Congress and in the state Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

DEL REY HOMEOWNERS & NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION



Elizabeth A. Pollock  
President

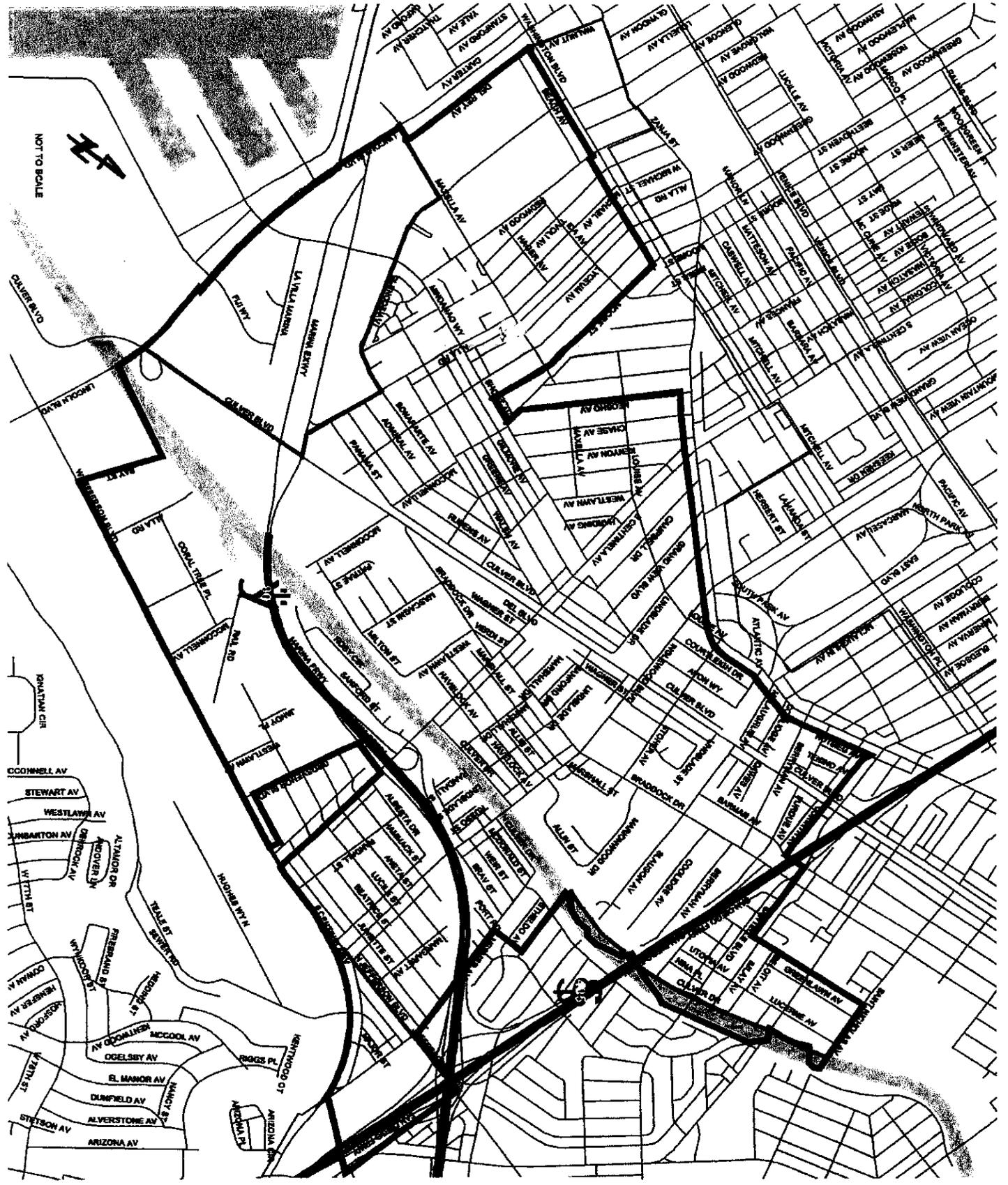
Enclosure: Map of Del Rey

DRH&NA – [REDACTED] – Los Angeles, CA 90066

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**DEL REY**  
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 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

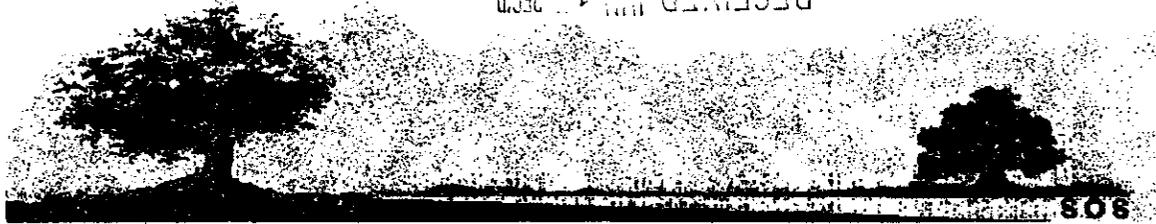


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Save Open Space ✧ [REDACTED] ✧ Agoura, CA 91376

RE: Senate (Santa Clarita Valley) and Congressional Districts (East Ventura District) do not make geographic/community sense. These proposed districts disregard the SMMNRA.

June 11, 2011

Dear Redistricting Committee:

Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains (SOS) concurs on your map for the Assembly District represented by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. (SMMNRA). The SMMNRA was set up by an Act of Congress. Congress and the State of California have poured multimillions into protecting the integrity of this national park which boasts 35 million visitors annually making it the busiest national park in the nation. State law treats the SMMNRA with distinct acknowledgment. But your proposed boundaries in the Senate and Congressional districts do not respect the geographical boundaries of the SMMNRA and serve to severely fragment it. We have enclosed a color map of the Land Protection Plan for the SMMNRA.

We repeat our request as in our earlier letter. SOS supports the 1991 district boundaries because these boundaries are geographically connected and defined by the Malibu Creek Watershed and the SMMNRA. State Senate areas should include communities on both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Unfortunately, the proposed State Senate District stretches from Kern County border to the Santa Clarita and Castaic areas to Malibu and the ocean. The Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal areas have nothing in common with Santa Clarita and Castaic. It's a separate distinct geographical area which is contrary to the goals of the Redistricting Commission. Areas north of the San Fernando Valley should be put together into another district.

From the watersheds to the many cross mountains roads that residents use to go to work, UCLA, or for recreational, the Valley, Westside, Las Virgenes and Santa Monica to Malibu cities, have a lot in common. Many of us live in or near the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The mountains and the ocean are our "community of interest"

For the past 20 years our area has been combined with the south and west parts of the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, Santa Monica, Malibu and the Las Virgenes cities. The entire Santa Monica Mountains area from west of the Hollywood Bowl to the Pacific Ocean has been in the same Supervisory and legislative district since 1991. The 1991 maps were court drawn and independent of partisan influence.

That's why the residents of the following areas should stay together - Las Virgenes (Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and the mountain communities of Topanga to Malibu. The Santa Monica Mountains and Ocean connect Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Bel Air, UCLA (has facilities at Stunt Ranch and King Gillette Ranch in the SMMNRA), Bel Air, Beverly Hills (the Westside) and into the SF Valley (Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills and West Hills -mostly South of the 101). These communities are connected by the SMMNRA, the ocean and the roads and make geographical sense to be in the same congressional and senate districts.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Wiesbrock, Chair

Enclosure: Color map of the Land Protection Plan of the SMM

Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains (SOS) is a grassroots organization.  
SOS represents over one thousand residents in the Santa Monica Mountains region.