

**Subject:** Congressional redistricting--Proposed West San Fernando Valley

**From:** Dan Stewart <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 13:02:21 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Gentlepeople;

I am writing you as a concerned citizen of the San Fernando Vallley, and more specifically, Sherman Oaks. Ventura Blvd is the major Commercial thoroughfare of this community and of Studio City to the east of us. It makes little sense to spllit the Congressional District down the middle of this boulevard. The community of interest is the same for both sides of the area and probably more logically extends to Mullholland Drive to the south.

Mullholland runs along the ridge of the Santa Monica Mountains and makes a natural geographical divide for this area. This is the boundary which is proposed (rightlly so) to the west of the 405 Freeway. and I respectfully submit that it is logical to extend this natural boundary to the east, separating this tightly knit communities of Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the east, from the West Los Angeles area to the south which more a part of Hollywood and Beverly Hills.

Thank you for taking the tiime to consider this opinion

Dan Stewart, Architect

**Subject:** California Congressional - Antelope V - Santa Clarita Draft Maps

**From:** Cyndi Raville <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 08:13:12 -0700

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

Our local paper in Santa Clarita Valley wrote an article today on the draft boundary changes for the Congressional District that affects my home address (which is south of Lyons Avenue-between the boundary of Wiley Canyon to the west and what appears to be Hwy 14 on the east).

I see on your website that it is your desire to balance the needs of all Californians, stating that the draft maps have three advantages over existing districts. I do not agree that 2 of the 3 objectives have been met by including my area of Newhall in the San Fernando Valley district. Those objectives are: 2) Districts reflect geographic and common sense boundaries. 3) The districts balance the needs of different communities of interest across California.

#2 above has definitely not been addressed. There is a mountain range between Newhall and the San Fernando Valley. Additionally, my home is in the City of Santa Clarita Valley and should be included in the same district as the majority of the City of Santa Clarita.

#3 above also has definitely not been addressed. For the same reasons as my #2 above.

Additionally, on May 1, 2011 Council Member Frank Ferry addressed your Commission. In Councilmen Ferry's address he highlighted much of the same concerns that I have. Please refer to the transcripts of this presentation.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Raville

[REDACTED]  
Newhall (City of Santa Clarita), CA



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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

**Subject:** Comment on First Round of Maps

**From:** Bob Prager <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 15:12:27 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for bringing Long Beach back together in all the maps!

Robert Prager

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Subject:** Gallegly

**From:** "Joe Piros" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 10:12:24 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**From my point of view Gallegly has never represented our town so to me he has to go, & the lines need to be redrawn so he only represents his "friends" in the Simi Valley!**

**Long over due.**

**Thanks**

**Joe Piros**

**Subject:** East vs. West San Fernando Valley Boundaries in ReDistricting

**From:** "Ellen Bagelman" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 08:48:45 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**In reviewing the proposed boundaries separating the proposed East San Fernando Valley and West San Fernando Valley districts, I believe that more review needs to be conducted.**

**1. The 405 freeway is a natural boundary separating the west and east portions of the valley. Many current city departments utilize this boundary, and as a result we ask that it support the dividing line.**

**2. The newly named community of Lake Balboa has more in common and works closely to the south with Encino, to the north with Northridge, and to the west with Reseda. Our common issues and similar communities would dislike being disassembled and re-aligned with neighborhoods with little in common. We are one community with regards to Planning issues.**

**3. In general, the proposed districts again feel gerrymandered and based on "other" factors. We believe that communities, which are comprised of contiguous neighborhoods, should be preserved.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.**

**Ellen Bagelman**