

**Subject:** keep Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre together

**From:** Dick Smoak <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 17:53:00 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Splitting cities, as you have done with Pasadena, is a terrible idea! Breaking up South Pasadena is a terrible idea!

In addition, separating Pasadena from Altadena and Sierra Madre is a terrible idea. The three cities have been joined together by our unified school district over many, many years and we now have a common identity. We have common interests. We have common problems. We all work together to solve our problems and celebrate our similarities.

Please do not split Pasadena in two nor divorce Altadena and Pasadena. We have a common fate and need to have the same legislators in order to get problems solved for the entire area!

Back to the drawing board!

Richard Smoak

Altadena

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Elaine Brown <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 06:02:27 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Elaine Brown <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** New Map including Sunland Tujunga

**Message Body:**

I wish to make you aware that I support the new map which puts Sunland Tujunga into the same district with Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, La Crescenta, Montrose, Glendale and Burbank; communities with which we, in Sunland Tujunga, associate and relate. These are communities which have views of the mountains and hills, most have open space, many have rural lifestyles, and overall the residents live in this environment with the desire to enjoy and preserve it. I believe we fit together and Sunland Tujunga thinks of itself as part of the Crescenta Valley and the San Gabriel Foothills with justification.

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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Sue Castillo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 11:07:36 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** [REDACTED] Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]>

I live in San Pedro, a very old community dating from the 1860's, lately (since 1910) a part of the city of Los Angeles. We abut the Port of Los Angeles, and many active community members are very involved in Port/community interface affairs.

The first draft maps cleave the Port and the eastern edge of San Pedro from the rest of the community. This cannot be allowed to proceed as drawn!!

**Any redistricting should keep together San Pedro in its entirety, Wilmington, Harbor City, and the Port of Los Angeles.** The district might also include the rest of the Palos Verdes peninsula (Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, and Rolling Hills Estates) and Long Beach - our interests have much in common.

I look forward to seeing a much more sensitive redistricting draft of our region with the next issue.

Sue Castillo

[REDACTED]  
San Pedro, CA 90731

...and employee of the neighboring City of Long Beach.

From: Lynn Parkinson <[REDACTED]> Subject: Redistricting Message Body: I support keeping Santa Clarita whole! -- This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** reapportionment districts

**From:** Wendy Cobleigh <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:10:11 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I was very alarmed to learn that it is proposed to split Altadena away from Pasadena for the Assembly district. That would be a terrible mistake. Altadena is Pasadena's neighbor in so many good ways. We are one school district. Most who live in Altadena work and/or shop in Pasadena. It has been that way for many decades. Please do not create this split.

Also dividing communities for Congressional districts makes no sense. A Congressman can far better represent his constituents if they are from a complete city with common interests. Do not split Pasadena and the same for South Pasadena.

Wendy Cobleigh  
Pasadena, CA resident

**Subject:** Re-districting (LASCV)

**From:** Lisa Stern <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:11:07 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizen's Redistricting Committee,

My husband and I have just learned about the proposed re-districting that your committee just released for our area, and we do not agree with it at all.

You have proposed to put our area of the San Fernando Valley in with the Santa Clarita Valley. While we are sure these are friendly and committed citizens, their concerns are NOT our concerns whatsoever.

The San Fernando Valley is an older, established community with high density of people and businesses.

The Santa Clarita Valley is a newer community that is much more spread out.

The San Fernando Valley has numerous businesses that employ hundreds of people. The Santa Clarita Valley has few businesses that have that many people employed.

The San Fernando Valley residents, along with parts of the West side of Los Angeles, LIVE AND WORK HERE.

The Santa Clarita Valley residents mostly commute to other areas to work.

There are so many differences that we know it would cause many problems for us to be in the same California State Senate District.

Please DO NOT LUMP US TOGETHER!

We have much more in common with parts of Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Hollywood and Studio City.

Please draft A DIFFERENT re-districting plan for us using the above-noted cities as potential inclusions.

Thank you,

Lisa Stern and Thomas Stern  
Tarzana, CA 91356

**Subject:** Redistricting: AD44 and its Potential Impact on Altadena Residents

**From:** cheryl jamerson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 13:16:17 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I would not like to see Altadena separated from Pasadena because of the long history of these communities. Altadena and Pasadena share the same school district and they have many areas in which public/private interests are shared. If this separation occurs, it is my belief that Altadena's political voice will be diminished in both Sacramento and Washington, DC. Additionally, the unique character of these communities will be neutralized. Altadena and Pasadena are currently facing many financial constraints, which indicates to me a strong reason to remain connected. I urge you to maintain AD44 as is.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jamerson

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Edith Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:32:28 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I am concerned about the manner in which my area has been redistricted. Cutting Pasadena in half ?? NO, NO.

Taking it away from Altadena? NO, NO.

**KEEP Pasadena united in one Congressional District, and keep Pasadena and Altadena together in one Assembly District and also keep South Pasadena united. DO NOT BREAK UP COMMUNITIES.**

**This is very important to me and my neighbors.**

**Edith Taylor**

[REDACTED]

**Pasadena, CA 91105**

**Subject:** redistricting

**From:** paul polakoff <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 01:54:14 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

The hills of Sherman Oaks have always been an important part of our close-knit community.

Separating us at Ventura Bpulevard would be divisive to our functioning neighborhood. Mulholland Drive should be the southern border of our Congressional District. Please do not make any changes. to Sherman Oaks.

TO: CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

FROM: ERIK YESAYAN  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
GLENDALE, CA 91206

DATE: June 16, 2011

RE: REUNITE PASADENA AND ALTADENA IN THE ASSEMBLY PLAN

Based on my experience as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Glendale and having lived in the areas around San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys all my life, I believe I am well suited to comment on the configuration of districts in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. In particular I believe the Commission has made a mistake by separating Pasadena from Altadena and its neighbors to the east in the Assembly plan. These ties are much stronger than those with Glendale, which is much more closely tied to Burbank. I hope the Commission will consider my input for why this change should be and how it can be completed without doing harm to other communities of interest.

### **Why it Matters**

Pasadena and Altadena form one of the closest local communities of interest in California. Indeed, Altadena is surrounded by Pasadena on three sides. Every road from Altadena into Los Angeles goes through Pasadena. The children in Altadena are part of the Pasadena Unified School District. The Pasadena Star-News is the paper of record for both Altadena and Pasadena. It is wholly unacceptable that these communities not be united.

I recognize that the Commission faces difficult decisions and tradeoffs. The current LASGF district was created to keep communities bordering the Angeles National Forest united. The current LAGBP district was created to keep the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena together. These are both laudable goals. But they should not come at the expense of splitting a clear, local community of interest.

This is particularly true because the testimony for both competing goals focused entirely on Congress. This was because the justification for both districts focused on federal issues. Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena focused on the airport, which is regulated by Congress not the state legislature. Similarly the Angeles National Forest is regulated federally. Thus, these competing goals should not trump other local communities in the state Assembly plan.

Further, these competing goals can be better achieved in the Senate and Congressional plans with their larger districts. For example, in the Senate plan it is possible to keep Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena together along with other communities bordering the Angeles National Forest like La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta Montrose and Altadena. For the Assembly plan

however it is more important to make sure smaller communities like Altadena are not geographically isolated from their neighbors and disenfranchised in the process.

### **Fixing the Problem**

There are many ways to reunite Pasadena and Altadena. I focused on options that minimized changes to other districts and maximized benefits to other surrounding communities. This resulted in a proposed district that did not achieve all of my goals. For example, ideally La Canada would also be with Pasadena in the same district. However, this would potentially require radical changes to the existing plan and likely split other far-away legitimate communities like southern Orange County or the Antelope Valley.

Therefore I followed the Commission's mantra to, "spread the pain." I just ask that you make our pain a little bit less.

### **How to Do It**

1. Fix the Rancho Cucamonga city split- Rancho Cucamonga is currently split for 30,890 people. However, most of this split is unnecessary. The Assembly Districts that make up Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties currently are 22,570 people over populated. By better balancing the population. Most of the split can be eliminated.

Further, LASVC (Santa Clarita) could move 12,000 people into the MISBK (Victor Valley) by adding the community of Agua Dulce and Acton. The Victor Valley district could then move into SBCUC (Rancho Cucamonga) for the same amount. Finally the Rancho Cucamonga district could take the rest of Rancho Cucamonga and San Antonio Heights, balancing the districts and eliminating the split. This rotation would allow for the districts in the five counties to be balanced within one person.

2. Better Reflect the Priorities of those Proposing an Angeles Forest District- In their letters advocating for districts that would better represent the Angeles National Forest, proponents specifically said that the city of Azusa should be with cities to the south like Irwindale and El Monte as the former is the gateway to the forest for the later ([http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/public-comments-201105/public\\_comment\\_4la\\_20110506\\_Monsen.pdf](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/public-comments-201105/public_comment_4la_20110506_Monsen.pdf)). Therefore I urge the Commission to put Azusa in LACVN.

My plan also adds the city of Duarte (except for a zero population) to that district to better balance the population. This will not interfere with the ability to draw a 50% Latino citizen voting age population district as both cities have substantial Latino populations.

3. Add Pasadena to the Angeles Forest District- As noted before, Pasadena and Altadena could alternatively have been in the same district with Glendale. However, this configuration caused

more problems for other communities and therefore I followed the Commission's guidance to spread the pain.

This configuration does allow Pasadena to be in the same district with other communities it does share strong ties to such as Monrovia.

This configuration is very similar to that in your June 2<sup>nd</sup> visualizations for Los Angeles County except it eliminates all city splits. I believe this is a preferable configuration and that your prior direction to unite Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank into a single district in the Assembly plan had unintended consequences and should be reversed.

4. Put La Canada and La Crescenta into the Burbank/Glendale District- Again, ideally this would not be necessary. However it is a good second choice that makes sure these communities have local representation. It better reflects the priorities of those who advocated for the Angeles Forest District as Highway 2 goes through La Canada and is the primary route for residents of Glendale and Burbank to enter the forest.

LAGBP would then add population in either the San Fernando Valley or the Griffith Park area. There is community of interest testimony to support both options and I take no position on what the commission should do.

### **Added Benefits**

My primary goal was reuniting Pasadena, Altadena and cities to the east. However I did so in a manner that tried to provide benefits to other communities as well, specifically:

- **Rancho Cucamonga-** Eliminates the city split of Rancho Cucamonga. Ideally I would have also been able to put Upland into a San Bernardino district as well. However, this would have required splitting other far-away legitimate communities like southern Orange County or the Antelope Valley.
- **Santa Clarita Valley-** Better maintains the Santa Clarita Valley by adding Acton.
- **Voting Rights Act-** I verified that our changes would not prevent drawing any of the majority-minority Latino or Asian districts in Los Angeles County. In fact, I found that by adding Azusa and Duarte to the Covina district, it made it easier to unpack the eastern Los Angeles districts and to potentially turn LADNT into a majority-minority district as it was in some of your earlier visualizations.

I hope you will strongly consider the recommendations I have made in my memo and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

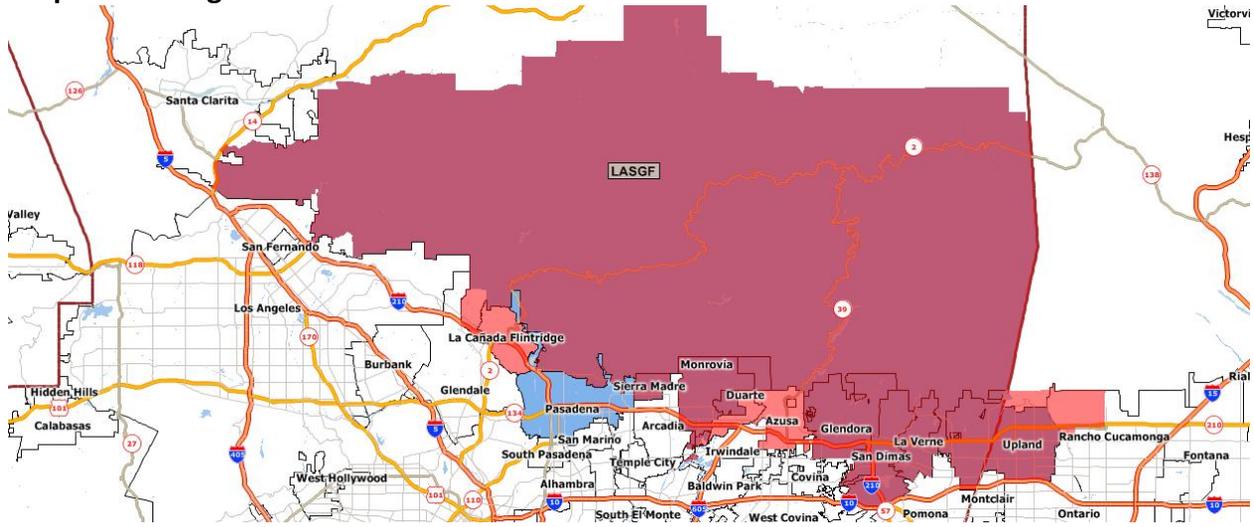
Sincerely,

Erik Yesayan



## Maps and Stats

### Proposed Changes

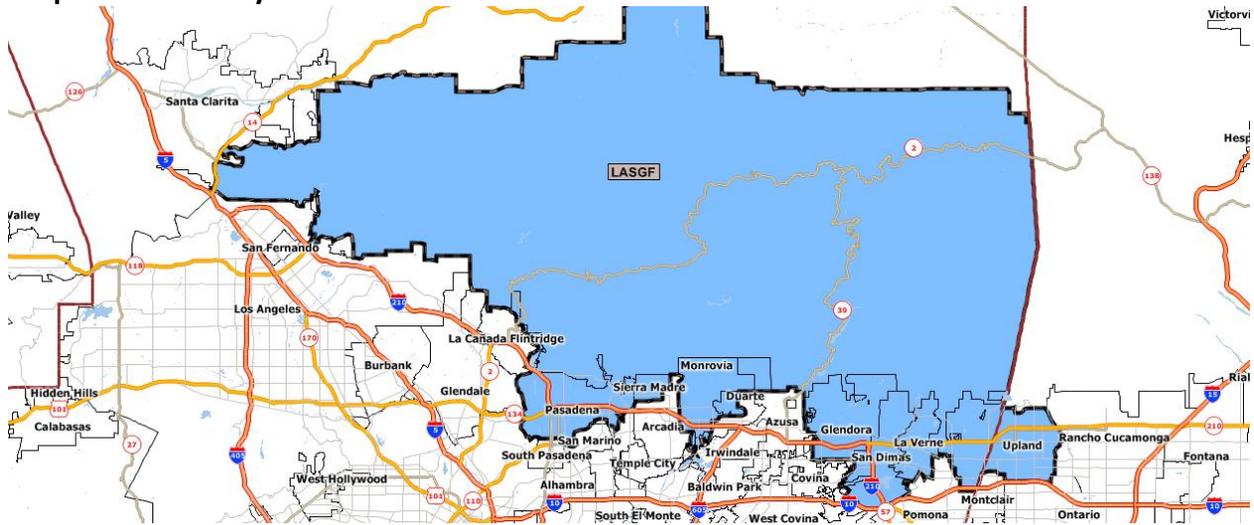


\* Purple areas stay the same.

\* Blue areas added.

\* Red areas removed.

### Proposed Assembly District



CVAP	Before	After
Latino	25.3%	24.1%
Black	7.0%	9.5%
Asian	8.7%	9.0%

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kathy Matsumoto <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:57:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Matsumoto <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Public Meeting Schedule

Message Body:

Are the public meetings in a particular Region allowed to accept comments from citizens of another region? i.e. can a resident from Cerritos (Region 4) provide comments at a Region 8 (San Francisco) meeting?

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Christine Rowe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:49:42 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Christine Rowe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles County Congressional, Senate, Assembly District Comment

Message Body:

June 16, 2011

Dear Commissioners,

Below this comment is the comment that I submitted on May 15, 2011 that seems to have been lost.

I appreciate that my second comment on your First Draft of your map posted on June 14th and June 15th because I submitted them in two formats by email.

There was an error in that document I submitted that is posted as June 14th - the link to the GOOGLE map does not work on the document that is posted. The distance between West Hills and Santa Clarita is: 27.4 miles.

Again, the total distance I estimate between Pt. Mugu and Lebec is about 112 miles. That is the distance that you have from one end to the other end of your proposed State Senate District.

Please redraw the lines for a West San Fernando Valley Congressional District, Senate District, and Assembly District based upon Neighborhood Council lines.

Neighborhood Councils are made up of residents, property owners, or people who live in a Neighborhood Council district. Other stakeholders are defined as those who have an interest in a Neighborhood Council area such as a parent of a minor child in school, someone who worships in a Neighborhood Council area, or someone who belongs to an organization in that Neighborhood Council area. Elections are non partisan. We do not know the party affiliations of most of our Neighborhood Council colleagues.

Please read my first submission below.

Respectfully submitted.

Christine Rowe  
West Hills, CA

May 15, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Redistricting of Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly lines

I am a 33 year resident of the community of West Hills. I am also an elected official of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. This letter represents my opinion and does not reflect the opinion of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC).

There are 94 Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles; we are elected by members of our communities by community stakeholders. For that reason, I feel that I have a true understanding of what my community is like, and what a "community of interest" really means.

I have also been a member of the "Zoning and Planning Committee" of the WHNC. I therefore have an understanding of the City of Los Angeles's "Community Plans".

The community of West Hills is at the far west side of the City of Los Angeles. It is gerrymandered in such a way (an arbitrary line on Roscoe) so that it has two City Council members, and it has two State Assembly members.

That arbitrary line also puts West Hills into two different community plans with very different zoning distinctions. Those plans include the Chatsworth - Porter Ranch plan to the north of Roscoe Blvd, and the Winnetka - Canoga Park - Woodland Hills - West Hills Community Plan to the south of Roscoe Blvd.

I have reviewed many of the comments to you from your April public comment period. In general, I agree with the statements of many that the West San Fernando Valley is a distinct "Community of Interest". I generally agree with the definition of the San Fernando Valley below from VICA with one exception - the western boundary of the San Fernando Valley is the Simi Hills:

"The San Fernando Valley is a geographically-contiguous region bounded by the Santa Susana Mountains to the north and west, Mulholland Drive to the south and the San Gabriel Mountains to the east. It lies wholly within Los Angeles County and includes the cities of Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Hidden Hills, San Fernando and the Valley portion of the City of Los Angeles. The communities and the cities of the Valley should be kept together as compact and contiguous districts which recognize geographic features and natural boundaries." (1)

I also agree with the statement of VICA below regarding San Fernando Valley representation, with some exceptions:

"Representative residency also presents a vast concern among Valley residents, as only three of the twelve state Senate and Assembly members who represent portions of the Valley are current Valley residents. While we have been generally lucky to have lawmakers who understand the Valley's unique needs, legislators simply cannot fully represent an area, or truly understand the needs of a community, in which they are not residents. We humbly ask that the new districts keep Valley communities together (2)

I ask that you recognize the far western communities of the West San Fernando Valley as the "West San Fernando Valley" community of interest. Each of these communities would be within the County of Los Angeles - with one exception - Bell Canyon.

Bell Canyon - while in the county of Ventura - has no access roads to my knowledge from that community except via roads within West Hills. It is "land locked" and contiguous with West Hills, and shares the same Zip code as a part of West Hills - 91307.

I would also like the line drawn for the "West San Fernando Valley" to be on a north to south line rather than the current east west lines. So the western line would be the LA County line with that one exception, and the eastern boundary should be determined by Neighborhood Council district boundaries or a north south running street that serves those communities best.

I believe that you should determine boundaries based upon Neighborhood Council maps if possible. These maps have been designed to represent specific community needs. The West Hills Neighborhood Council map and other Neighborhood Council maps can be found on the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment website. (3)(4)

The following communities share many community aspects: West Hills, Woodland Hills Warner Center, and Chatsworth are the farthest west. I would also include with them the communities of Winnetka and Canoga Park.

The community of West Hills was once a part of Canoga Park. We share a Chamber of Commerce, and celebrate events such as Fall Fest and the Memorial Day Parade together.

Many communities share the 4th of July Celebration in Warner Park.

While Calabasas and Hidden Lake are not a part of the City of Los Angeles, their proximity to Woodland Hills makes it difficult to determine which community you are in. They too would share services including shopping, restaurants, and libraries off of Mulholland Drive or Agoura Road, similar transportation routes, etc.

#### Transportation:

Woodland Hills / Warner Center, West Hills, Chatsworth, Canoga Park, and Winnetka share transportation systems including the 101 and 118 freeways, the Orange line, and Metrolink and Amtrak station in Chatsworth. Numerous bus lines run around these communities.

#### Schools:

West Hills does not have its own public high school. Some West Hills students attend El Camino Real and Hale Junior High in Woodland Hills, Canoga High in Canoga Park, and still others may attend Chatsworth High. Some students from Woodland Hills may attend Hamlin Street School in West Hills or Welby Way Elementary in West Hills.

Los Angeles Pierce College is the closest of the Los Angeles Community College District schools, and it serves much of the West San Fernando Valley.

Cal State University Northridge is the closest university for most West San Fernando Valley residents.

Chatsworth Nature Preserve aka: the Chatsworth Reservoir is shared by both West Hills and Chatsworth. Many local parks including Shadow Ranch in West Hills, Chatsworth Park South in Chatsworth, and Shoup Park in Woodland Hills are used by residents of many communities.

#### Libraries:

Platt Library in Woodland Hills is shared by Woodland Hills and West Hills residents. The Canoga Park library is also convenient to Canoga Park, Winnetka, and West Hills residents.

#### Shopping:

Platt Village in West Hills is the closest shopping for residents of Bell Canyon, some residents of West Hills and Woodland Hills.

Fallbrook Mall in West Hills is also convenient - just across the street from Woodland Hills.

Topanga Plaza - in Canoga Park - is shared by Canoga Park, Woodland Hills / Warner Center, and West Hills residents.

The Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills / Warner Center serves the same populations as Topanga Plaza.

Services:

The West San Fernando Valley has the distinction of one of the newest Police Stations - Topanga Station.

It has numerous LAFD Fire Stations including Station 106 in West Hills - which serves parts of West Hills and parts of Chatsworth, and Station 105 in Woodland Hills which also serves parts of West Hills and parts of Woodland Hills

West Hills is also the home of the 911 Center. With the 911 Call Center, the Topanga Station, and the fire stations serving West Hills, the "community of interest" in the West San Fernando Valley is supported by these operations.

Hospitals:

West Hills Hospital with its recently new Grossman Burn Center serves the communities of West Hills, Bell Canyon, Chatsworth, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Calabasas, Hidden Lake, Woodland Hills/ Warner Center, and areas of Los Angeles County.

Kaiser Permanente of Woodland Hills serves similar communities.

There are many community groups and activities that are shared by these local communities including places of worship, the Milken Jewish Community Center, children's soccer and softball leagues (at Shadow Ranch Park and other West Hills Parks), and even groups such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

In fact, the Boy Scouts of America Los Colinas District begins at Corbin to the east, and ends at the Los Angeles County line in Westlake Village and Agoura Hills.

Depending upon the population and the demographics of the population that is necessary to create these districts, other communities in the West San Fernando Valley "community of interest" could include Porter Ranch, Northridge, and Tarzana.

I also agree with many authors that the coastal communities which include Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Topanga, and further north on the coast are better served by a separate representative from the San Fernando Valley. These communities share the Pacific Coast highway for transportation, and similar life styles relative to their involvement with the Santa Monica Watershed. This is the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and while community members from the San Fernando Valley share these mountains and this part of the ocean, it is true that those local coastal residents better represent the local communities from Santa Monica to the Ventura County line to the west of Mulholland.

It is my hope, that by creating more geographically contiguous communities, that they will have better access to their elected officials and their staff members.

I will end by saying that as a Neighborhood Council member, I appeared before City Council and stated: "What a beautiful day for secession". While I was joking, the 2 hour rides to and from downtown from West Hills are a primary reason for creating districts where representatives live and have offices in the West San Fernando Valley.

(1 ) (2) [http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/public-comments-201104/public\\_comment\\_20110427\\_41a\\_waldman.pdf](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/public-comments-201104/public_comment_20110427_41a_waldman.pdf)

(3) [http://done.lacity.org/ncdatabase/nc\\_database\\_public](http://done.lacity.org/ncdatabase/nc_database_public)

(4) <http://navigatela.lacity.org/common/mapgallery/pdf/neighborhood/11.pdf>

Submitted with respect,

Chris Rowe  
\*West Hills Neighborhood Council -  
City of Los Angeles  
West Hills, CA 91307  
\*for identification purposes only

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Alex Ringe <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 05:07:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alex Ringe <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 16th meeting - unifying the West Valley for the Congressional districts

Message Body:

I came to the public meeting today to discuss my thoughts about the current draft of the maps but was unable to get the word in because of so many people wanting to speak. I'm a long time San Fernando Valley resident, born and raised in West Hills. I am planning on moving to Northridge after college and was interested in the unprecedented redistricting process going on this year. First of all, I do want to thank you for the work you've edone thus far and the many hours you've devoted to improving our state. I also want to thank you for respecting the integrity of the Valley, and specifically the West Valley. The boundaries of the West Valley are as follows: Mulholland Drive on the south, which you've respected. Our western boundary is Calabasas, which you've respected. The city limits of Los Angeles on the north, which you've respected. And the 405 Freeway to the east, which you've done a pretty good job of respecting. That last point is the one I'm going to be clarifying on today. You do cross the 405 to get more population and in so doing have split the communities of Northridge and Reseda. I urge you today to please unify these communities, as they are historic Valley neighborhoods that deserve one representative and a unified voice just like the incorporated cities. These communities are distinctly West Valley communities, and should be unified in your West Valley-based district. I understand you have to meet certain population requirements, but this can be done by gathering more population from Valley Glen and North Hollywood or other areas that would allow you to also keep the East Valley communities whole and in the seats where they belong. Our communities are important to us, and I want to encourage you to unify us to the best of your ability. Once again I thank you for your commitment to this cause.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** MICHAEL McGRATH <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 23:19:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: MICHAEL McGRATH <[REDACTED]>

Subject: old 46th congressional district

Message Body:

Congratulations on the redistricting boundaries of the City of Long Beach, especially the southesat portion that was once contained in the 46th congrssional district. No longer will the present incumbant of that district be garunteed an election victory. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are free at last!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** John Bowman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:15:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: John Bowman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting as it pertains to Inglewood

Message Body:

Inglewood should be incorporated into a congressional district around LAX and not shifted to include areas further east. Many of the residents of Inglewood work at LAX. Many airport related businesses are in Inglewood. Inglewood is part of the South Bay. Our kids play sports together. Our Little Leagues play baseball with Westchester and Playa Del Rey. Our communities all have the same issues with the elephant in the room: LAX. Please reconsider moving our district to the east. We really don't have much in common nor interact with Southgate and Downey. We belong to the South Bay Council of Governments. We are a part of the South Bay. The way this district has been tentatively redrawn makes no sense from an economic basis, from a cultural basis, from a community basis, or from an historical basis.

regards

John Bowman  
City of Inglewood

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From: Dale McLean <[\[REDACTED\]](#)> Subject: Please don't divide our neighborhoods in City of Santa Clarita  
Message Body: The most current maps show that about 18% of our population is placed in a San Fernando Valley Congressional District. The neighborhoods of Santa Clarita are close knit with a strong sense of community. We appreciate your past consideration in keeping our Valley whole. Please do the same for our City. Thank you. -- This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kris Calvin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 01:13:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kris Calvin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: based on the draft maps which is my district?

Message Body:

I live at 840 Bank Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030. As best I can tell from the draft maps, South Pasadena would be split between 2 Assembly Districts in the redistricting I hope I have this wrong, as it is difficult enough for such a small town to be politically active and informed now, and would be much worse if we have two Assembly members. Also, is there a function on this site that I am missing through which a member of the public can clearly determine what new district they would fall in?

Thank you for all your work!

Kris Calvin

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Georgina Lopez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 23:15:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Georgina Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re-alignment of parts of Valencia into the San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I totally disagree with this. I moved here from Mar Vista 10 years ago because I wanted to get away from the issues in the Los Angeles area. I looked at various areas including the San Fernando Valley before deciding to move to Valencia. I did not like what I saw in the SFV and I still don't. I like the way the SCV is run and represented and the culture I found here. Although we are still L.A. County we are not influenced by L.A. City. The SFV has tried numerous time to annex to the City of L.A. which is what I wanted to get away from. The thought process and the issues are the same. I want someone that undestands the community where I reside and will represent our issues. My fear is that since our issues will be much smaller than those of the larger SFV that our issues that had weight previously as they were regular sized issues/fishes in a regular pond will become guppies in a Lake Michigan size body of water. Santa Clarita is a City of it's own. It should be left to be r!

epresented as a whole by one voice. If it's not broken then don't fix it, rather leave it alone. There are enough things right now that are broken or that lack funding in this difficult economy to go spending our tax payer money on this.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Karen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 23:52:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Sherman Oaks

Message Body:

Sherman Oaks is a strong, independent district and needs to remain that way. Dividing up Sherman Oaks is not acceptable to any of the residents or business owners.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Sonia Zaldivar <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 02:58:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sonia Zaldivar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting petition

Message Body:

June 16, 2011

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Sonia Zaldivar  
Zaldivar Legal Services  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, CA 90006  
[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Latino community and businesses located within the Downtown Los Angeles area I want to request that the neighborhoods of Westlake, Pico-Union, the Latino Quarters, Downtown, the financial district, Figueroa Corridor, and the Historic west-Adams, be kept within the same district. These are the neighborhoods where the majority of Latino, mostly Central Americans live and work. Separating these neighborhoods into different congressional and senatorial districts will be detrimental for our communities. We need to remain together to strengthen our political voice and cultural interests.

I trust that when drawing the different districts you will consider our petitions and maintain our communities together. It is for the benefit of our future generations. They are our future presidents, attorneys, doctors, scientists, etc. Thousands of youths are becoming of legal age and soon will have the right to vote. That is important for our communities and we are working hard to form these future leaders. Maintaining our communities within the same districts will allow us to do just that. I thank you for the attention given to us during the first public hearing held at City Hall. I am available for any questions you may have and can be reached at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Sonia Zaldivar

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Frank Rosen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:27:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Frank Rosen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: A Tail of 3 Districts

Message Body:

You heard a ton of comments on June 16 urging you to connect Altadena to Pasadena in an Assembly District, which currently includes Burbank.

You heard a ton of comments on June 16 urging you to take Silver Lake and Los Feliz out of the East LA Assembly district.

You heard a ton of comments during the entire process urging you to keep the communities that touch Griffith Park (Burbank, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Hollywood Hills, and others) into one Assembly district.

It seems that the only way to synthesize these comments is to remove Burbank from the Pasadena Assembly district, and place it into a district with Silver Lake, the Hollywood Hills, and Los Feliz. That would be the Griffith Park district that the environmental community wants.

The East LA district could be augmented with a population you need to make it a more balanced district for the Latino community. That is what the Latino community wants.

The Pasadena Assembly district could include Altadena and La Canada. That seems to be what they want.

This seems to be what everyone wants, no? Am I missing something?

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Lonne Hunt <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:43:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Lonne Hunt <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Westchester/Playa del Rey areas

Message Body:

First, please pass this message to Mr. Parvenu. I spoke with him at the June 16, meeting in Culver City.

Mr. Parvenu - Again, I apologize for being very curt toward you when we spoke at the first intermission. I thought you were going to brush me off as my L A City Council person had. I felt the map of the Westchester area was wrong; however, I was wrong. The highway marked 105 shown north of Westchester is a State Highway, and not the 105 Freeway that is located at the El Segundo/LAX boundry.

I came to the meeting to see if Westchester and Playa del Rey had been returned to the coastal regions for Congressional and State offices. My home computer cannot open your maps. The map people at the meeting showed me that the boundary had been returned to its pre-2001 location.

I ask of you, most sincerely, that you fight through the revisions to come to keep Westchester and Playa del Rey in the Coastal Regions. This is where we have always been (excluding the past 10 years) and where we should remain.

Most sincerely,  
Lonne L. Hunt  
Westchester and Mar Vista resident for 62 years

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Alexandra Hopkins <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 21:34:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alexandra Hopkins <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congress District #26: New boundaries are better!

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I have been living in La Crescenta (Cong. Dist. #26) for 9 years. Our current District boundaries makes no sense as they lump us together with Arcadia and Monrovia, areas that I've driven in only once or twice.

Your new boundaries put us together with Burbank and Glendale, residential and shopping areas that we are similar to and that we shop in several times a week. These are also areas that we've been active in -- we're part of the Glendale Unified School District and worked on a presidential campaign through meetings in homes in Glendale. In fact, La Crescenta, which is not incorporated, is usually considered a part of Glendale by our utility companies and the postal service.

Thanks for the new boundaries. They put us into the community that we naturally belong in.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Gemma Boykin <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 22:16:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Gemma Boykin <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Merging Parts of Valencia into the San Fernando Valley

**Message Body:**

I used to reside in Van Nuys and moved out to the Santa Clarita Valley, Newhall specifically, in 1986. I have remained in Newhall for the past 25+ years. I can tell you that the issues/concerns of the residents in Newhall, Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country, all that makes up the City of Santa Clarita, as a whole are VERY different than those faced in the San Fernando Valley/Los Angeles. The residents expectations of their leaders and representatives are equally as diverse. The level of involvement in civic and governmental issues are also much higher in the SCV. There was a fundamental reason most of us moved out of the San Fernando Valley and why we remain here in Santa Clarita and voted to make the City of Santa Clarita. Why we do not reside in Stevenson Ranch or Castaic. The divide is not just a geographical one but rather a deeper ideological one. Henry Mayo Newhall founded much of the SCV specifically Newhall (named after him) and Valencia. A lot of the buildings, and !

area's were named either by him, his heirs, or by Newhall Land and Farming. It has it's own history and traditions that the residents are extremely proud of. It would be a HUGE mistake to have this small city split and given two different representatives. Specially when the residents in the impacted areas have not been given prior notification by any government agency or given an opportunity to voice their opinion, or have a say in something that impacts them. The only way I found out was by seeing a very small artical in the signal on 06/15/11.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Anita Konto <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 04:47:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Anita Konto <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Angeles Districts

Message Body:

Watching the webcast. Thank you so much for this excellent service; it's very 21st Century!

A recurring theme seems to be that you don't seem to get the "feel" of Los Angeles' communities. Redistricting is a hard job, but even the politicians and their gerrymanders would NEVER link Silver Lake and East LA, San Marino and South Gate, and Malibu and Castaic.

I strongly suggest that you get a gestalt feel for what belongs together in LA. Those communities sure do not!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Joan Byrd <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 21:42:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Joan Byrd <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley Redistricting

Message Body:

Keep the Santa Clarita Valley together as one unit for redistricting. To join us to the San Fernanado Valley is not practical.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Alice Siegen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 22:41:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Alice Siegen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Keep Santa Clarita WHOLE!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Marsha McLean <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 22:49:38 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Marsha McLean <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please do not split our City

Message Body:

Thank you for placing the City of Santa Clarita and the majority of the surrounding Santa Clarita Valley within single Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts. However, The City of Santa Clarita now finds itself contained within two different congressional districts. The majority of our community is contained within the proposed Antelope Valley -Santa Clarita district. Approximately 18% of our residents are being separated from their neighbors, having been placed in the proposed West San Fernando Valley - Calabasas congressional district. We are extremely concerned that neighborhoods within the City of Santa Clarita are being divided. Please re-consider and keep the City whole. Thank you

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Tamela Messina <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 21:00:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tamela Messina <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate districts nesting

Message Body:

In your first draft maps, you created two State Senate seats that should be changed. By switching the nesting of two districts, you can keep like communities together, in line with community of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, you should nest Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Keeping Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley connected to Santa Clarita in a Senate seat will keep inland valleys together and better represented. Historically, for over 30 years, these areas have been connected in a Senate seat.

Connecting these areas to the coast divides both the inland and coastal populations. Please keep our inland suburban valleys connected by nesting Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** LEE SHULMAN <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 21:22:26 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: LEE SHULMAN <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Calvin Hedman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:21:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Calvin Hedman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Tamela Messina <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:59:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Tamela Messina <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Commissioners

Message Body:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Danielle Smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:56:48 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Danielle Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Terry Miller <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 21:10:04 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Terry Miller <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Maps - Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Sir/Madam:

I need copies of the redistricting maps in out area ( san gabriel valley) but your website seems down...

Please advise!

Thanks,

Terry

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** John McCready <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:26:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: John McCready <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed District Boundaries

Message Body:

Can this commission prove that ANY "objective" boundaries were used in the "proposed" legislative and Congressional Districts for 2012-22? The boundaries of these proposed districts appear to be as convoluted, and as gerrymandered, as what is in existence NOW!

NAME THE OBJECTIVE CRITERIA USED IN THE BOUNDARY DETERMINATION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS?

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ed Masterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:29:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ed Masterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keeping Newhall a Part of the Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Newhall has been and continues to be a vital part of the heritage of the Santa Clarita Valley. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration...

Ed Masterson

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** David Gauny <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 19:06:14 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: David Gauny <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Newhall, CA is part of Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Please keep bring Newhall back into the Santa Clarita/Antelope Valley proposed Congressional District. This should NOT be included as part of San Fernando as you are taking roughly 20% from our city! Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Brian Smith <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:57:51 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brian Smith <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

Please do not split up the Santa Clarita Valley into two congressional districts.

Newhall belongs in the Santa Clarita Valley and it would be wrong to split it off into another congressional district.

Thank you for your efforts in this redistricting process.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Vanessa May <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 19:38:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Vanessa May <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting: Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Message Body:

As a resident of Lake View Terrace, CA 91342, which lies at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. I would prefer to see Lake View Terrace be in the same district as Burbank, Glendale and La Crescenta.

Lake View Terrace and the aforementioned communities share similar concerns regarding horses, the foothills, the Angeles National Forest, the environment, and fire dangers.

Please consider the above mentioned concerns in your redistricting process.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Normajeon Jonz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 19:21:45 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Normajeon Jonz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Sherman Oaks Redistricting

Message Body:

I strongly oppose the dividing/redistricting of Sherman Oaks.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Barbara Morden <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:30:29 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barbara Morden <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I thought it was a joke when I heard how the district lines were to be redrawn. It seems as though no thought has been put into lumping such different socio/economic areas together. I doesn't make it more fair but further emphasizes the differences in the areas. It will also make it more difficult for our representatives to fairly represent areas that are so diverse. Please don't handicap us anymore than we already are. I beg you to reconsider

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Crystal J. Smith-Boon" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:43:59 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Crystal J. Smith-Boon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita Whole.

Message Body:

Please do not split Santa Clarita in half...instead consider adding Newhall to Antelope Valley. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** clemi boubli <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 20:46:00 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: clemi boubli <[REDACTED]>

Subject: you kicked me out of my congressional district

Message Body:

I don't know if the task was so overwhelming you let a computer select the congressional districts based on some weird statistical analysis but it doesn't seem like the nature of our real concerns was deeply considered. The mere fact that I, as someone living not far from downtown, required several attempts to figure out which pdf pertained to me {can't find a single LAcity pdf} is a strong clue that we clearly do not belong where you put us. The starfish zigzags look a lot more like gerrymandering than genuine representation - and what's with the strong horizontal emphasis when the daily realities are much more square/round or vertical in Los Angeles?

As residents of Los Feliz we are not only cut off from our existing representative but actually separated by TWO additional districts! That seems more than a little extreme - why put the existing map through a meat grinder? Given the fact that Karen Bass is one of the only people in my life I can enthusiastically vote FOR, I profoundly resent being subjugated to a district that is currently represented by someone I would be stuck with as the only alternative to a worse option! Despite your racial profiling and economic and class preoccupation, I live in the heart of Los Angeles - which is MY demographic - and deserve to be represented accordingly.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Steve Teeman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:51:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Steve Teeman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:27:11 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep SCV with East Ventura County in Senate

Message Body:

In your first draft maps, you created two State Senate seats that should be changed. By switching the nesting of two districts, you can keep like communities together, in line with community of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, you should nest Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Keeping Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley connected to Santa Clarita in a Senate seat will keep inland valleys together and better represented. Historically, for over 30 years, these areas have been connected in a Senate seat.

Connecting these areas to the coast divides both the inland and coastal populations. Please keep our inland suburban valleys connected by nesting Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Brian Koegle <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:43:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Brian Koegle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Janet W. Evans" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:08:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Janet W. Evans <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional district

Message Body:

Your plans for the new Congressional district to include Claremont, CA. look excellent. Thank you for your hard work and your dedication to the people of California.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Phil Reyes <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:36:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Phil Reyes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Federal Law

Message Body:

In general I believe you have violated Federal law. Also, in the San Gabriel Valley you have split many cities. Most cities do not want to be divided into 2 districts. I hope you take another look at these issues and make the necessary revisions, thank you

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Chris Fall <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:34:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Chris Fall <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Please keep us whole

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Claire Spothelfer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 17:36:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Claire Spothelfer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I am a former Mayor of La Habra Heights and have been involved in city politics and community activities for 25+ years. I feel we need to be linked to L.A. county cities such as LaMirada, Downey, Whittier where we have similar problems and interests. I request that you reconsider the lines drawn for our proposed Congressional district. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:28:16 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** No SCV & Malibu Senate Seat

Message Body:

In your first draft maps, you created two State Senate seats that should be changed. By switching the nesting of two districts, you can keep like communities together, in line with community of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, you should nest Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "James D. Hicken" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:31:13 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: James D. Hicken <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Charles Gill <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 17:58:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Charles Gill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita.....

Message Body:

I support keeping Santa clarita whole!!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Susan Christopher <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:31:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Susan Christopher <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Scott Wilk, Jr." <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:31:39 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Scott Wilk, Jr. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Joyce Shulman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:34:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Joyce Shulman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

Please keep the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

It is a real community.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:32:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Vanessa Safoyan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: AV-SCV Congressional Seat

Message Body:

Please keep the City of Santa Clarita whole by including the community of Newhall in the AV-SCV congressional district.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** "Lee M. Shulman" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:35:52 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lee M. Shulman <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Keeping Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Please do not fragment our community. Santa Clarita Valley is Whole.

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**Subject:** Congressional Districts dividing Pasadena

**From:** "Marshall Rutter" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 17:14:18 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

I am dismayed that an organization that was formed to keep communities of common interest united would create a may by which the City of Pasadena would be split in half, and that the small and cohesive community of South Pasadena would also be split. I recognize the difficulty inherent in the task you have undertaken, but I think it is essential that cities like Pasadena and South Pasadena not be divided into two districts.

Marshall

***Marshall A. Rutter***

[REDACTED]

***Pasadena, CA 91105***

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Deborah Blethen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 12:04:54 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Deborah Blethen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Assembly Seat

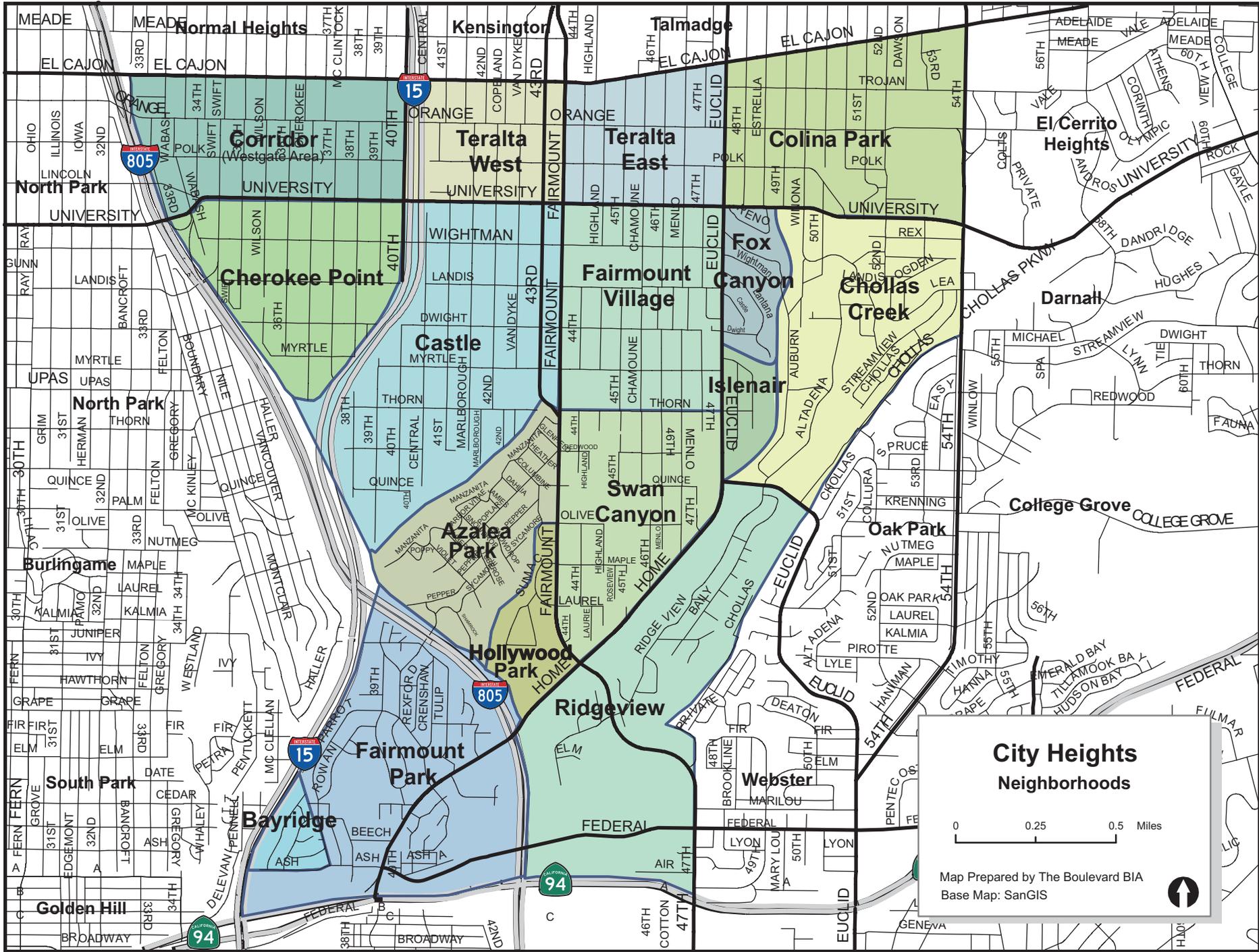
Message Body:

The CRC has split our community in the Assembly, Senate and Congressional District.

Please add Aqua Dulce to the SCV Assembly District

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**City Heights  
Neighborhoods**

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Map Prepared by The Boulevard BIA  
Base Map: SanGIS

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 15:25:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Scott Wilk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: AV-SCV Congressional Seat

Message Body:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley congressional district.

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**Subject:** Los Feliz district of Los Angeles

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 18:31:52 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I am the President of the Los Feliz Improvement Association, one of the oldest (nearly 100 years old) and largest neighborhood associations in the state, representing thousands of households in the Los Feliz district of Los Angeles. I am very concerned that our neighborhood--which includes Griffith Park and the residential neighborhoods immediately south of the park--is proposed to be attached to communities that are completely different from ours demographically, economically, and characteristically.

The concerns and interests of our neighborhood are completely different from the other communities that we are to be included with. We are one of the most affluent neighborhoods in Los Angeles with some of the city's highest property values, and the rest of the areas in our proposed state assembly and senatorial districts as well as the proposed congressional district are among the poorest with some of the lowest property values. Our neighborhood has one of the highest percentages of home ownership in the city, while the other neighborhoods in our proposed districts have the lowest. We have traditionally been part of the Hollywood Hills and Glendale communities, and we now we will be totally separated from them. The result is that this redistricting proposal will virtually disenfranchise our residents who have concerns that are completely different from the rest of the proposed district communities included in our proposed districts. I strongly urge you to reconsider our inclusion within the districts that you have proposed which are illogical and harmful to the concerns and interests of the residents of Los Feliz.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald Seligman

President, Los Feliz Improvement Association

**Subject:** No dismemberment

**From:** peter brier <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 16:57:56 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Residents of Altadena do not want to be separated from Pasadena when it comes to political representation. The communities are linked through community, historical experience and public services. Let's keep it that way!

Peter Brier

[REDACTED]

Altadena, Ca. 91001

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Pat Koscheski [REDACTED]

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 14:48:23 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Pat Koscheski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed redistricting

Message Body:

What gerrymander decided to split off parts of Santa Clarita?

We spent a lot of time effort and money joining VALENCIA, SAUGUS, NEWHALL, CANYON COUNTRY into the Community of Santa Clarita. We have a natural boundary of mountains between us and the San Fernando Valley. WE ARE NOT San Fernando and do not want any part of our community part of it, physically nor politically. It is foolhardy to split our college and high school districts politically. When we vote we vote united, not divided.

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**Subject:** A suggestion for state Assembly re-drawing of the maps.

**From:** David Uranga <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 13:55:42 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hello

My name is David J Uranga. I have been a full time professor of Political Science since 1990 and part time at Glendale Community College between the years of 1987-1990. Attached is my suggestion for a re-drawing of the current state Assembly district maps for the state Assembly district that includes the location of Burbank/Glendale and a separate state Assembly district for whole and multiple districts along the 210 corridor (excluding Azusa, South Pasadena, and Arcadia) up through the county line.

Thank you for your hard work and attention to these civi matters. The people are being well served!

Professor David J Uranga  
MA, UCLA 1989  
Pasadena City College  
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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission

My name is David J. Uranga and I am currently an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Pasadena City College for the past 21 years. In the past twenty years of teaching at PCC, it has been my experience in participating in local politics and in community based teach ins or discussions with community based luncheons that Pasadena and Altadena were considered sister cities whose histories were indeed interconnected especially by blatant and subtle forms of voting rights discrimination.

Especially for the above reason as the Commission considers its draft maps for the area stretching from Burbank to Claremont in Los Angeles County, I would strongly encourage the Commission to change its draft maps for state Assembly **back** to something more like that in your maps released on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Specifically, the Commission should put Glendale and Burbank in one district while reconnecting Altadena and Pasadena in another Assembly district that connects communities along the 210 corridor in Los Angeles County.

Burbank and Glendale are very different from Pasadena. Glendale and Burbank are home to a large Armenian community. There are very few Armenians in Pasadena. Pasadena and Altadena have a large and vibrant African American community. Glendale and Burbank have very few African Americans. The major freeway through Burbank and Glendale is I-5. The major highway through Pasadena is I-210. Pasadena and communities to the east look to the Angeles National Park in the north for recreation. Burbank and Glendale look to Griffith Park in the south. Having taught at both Glendale and Pasadena, I can tell you that indeed this split between Burbank/Glendale and Altadena/Pasadena is exhibited in the community college classroom.

The major problem with the June 2<sup>nd</sup> map was that it splits multiple cities. I believe this was a major flaw. With respect to your difficult task, the most important governing is done on the local level and dividing local jurisdictions should always be done *with caution*. However this flaw is easily resolved.

First, stop the Assembly district at the county line. In this area the county line is not an artificial barrier, but rather a **real** divide. Certainly Rancho Cucamonga has little in common with La Canada.

Second, connect *all* the whole cities from La Canada to Claremont along the 210 corridor. The resulting district would be too large and something would have to be removed.

So third, remove those cities that are required to draw Section 2 Voting Rights Act districts. Specifically the Commission has identified that Arcadia is required to draw a Section 2 Asian seat to the south. Further, Azusa has been shown in previous maps as part of a Section 2 Latino district in Covina. Removing those two cities will create a balanced district.

The only city split in my proposal is South Pasadena. This split was done by the Commission for the Section 2 Asian district so the Commission should leave this split alone.

I believe this proposal will lead to **better representation** for those communities that border the San Gabriel Mountains. I also believe it should work well with your other district in Los Angeles as the Commission has already drawn a similar map. Therefore I hope you will include something like this in your next set of draft maps. As a professional in the field of politics and as a faculty member of Pasadena City College, I believe the following plan and map will work well.

Thank you for time and hard work.

Professor David J Uranga  
Assistant Professor, Political Science  
Pasadena City College



**Subject:** Comments on Draft Redistricting Map West Los Angeles/Downtown

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

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 13:22:59 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity for submitting my comments to the California Redistricting Commission.

I am concerned about Echo Park/Silverlake communities split into two Congressional Districts.

The general working poor Latino communities of Echo Park/Silverlake, Temple Beaudry/Pico Union neighborhoods are included in the same district with primary wealthy neighborhoods of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Pacific Palisades, Beverly Hills and Calabasas.

We do not share the same social and economic characteristics with those communities.

If you have questions or other information please contact me.

Sandra Figueroa Villa

El Centro del Pueblo

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, California 90026

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June 16, 2011

To: The California Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Sandra Figueroa Villa, Executive Director  
El Centro del Pueblo

Re: City of Los Angeles Communities of Interest-Echo Park Area

Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Sandra Figueroa Villa and I am the Executive Director of a non-profit community based organization, El Centro del Pueblo. We are a grassroots, youth development and family services agency with a broad range of community-based resources for youth and young adults. We service Echo Park/Silverlake, and Pico Union/ Westlake. Our primary target population is Latino and working poor.

I am concerned about the proposed West Los Angeles/Downtown Congressional map, which puts our Latino neighborhoods in the same district as the wealthy western communities of Los Angeles County.

In this map Echo Park/Silverlake are split into two Congressional Districts and include much of the Westlake Pico Union communities into the WLA-Downtown District.

In the early 1970's and 1980's, there were only two organizations serving the poor and working class Latino communities west of the Los Angeles River. Unfortunately, at that time, the perception from our elected leaders and government was that Latinos only existed in East Los Angeles.

We were challenged because we had no one representing our interest not only as an ethnic population with several needs, but funding sources to address the challenges were non existent for us. We really had to organize and advocate for fair representation during the redistricting processes since that time.

Our first strategy was to focus then on participating and advocating for more Latino elected representation in our community with the Latino Redistricting Committee and other major organizations. We did so at the expense of our community of Echo Park/Silverlakes' populations split into four Assembly Districts, three Senate Districts, and four Council Districts.

We understood this necessary in order to get fair representation at all levels of politics. We needed a voice and an opportunity to elect representatives who would consider and/or have in common our needs and interests.

As the neighborhood began to change, so did our strategy to unite with other ethnic populations whose families needs were similar to ours. Today, our collaborations include Chinatown Service Center, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans, Korean Youth and Community Center, and providers of the large Central American population. We also found that our communities are tied through geographic proximity, and common socio-economic status, working class and/or poor with common social and cultural interests.

El Centro del Pueblo has been in the forefront and leadership of building and strengthening the multicultural, multidisciplinary Coalition to identify and advocate for public policy changes and changes in social norms among youth and young adult in Echo Park/Silverlake.

We would like to request that you consider keeping these communities intact and in one district. And that consideration be given, that we do not share the same social and economic characteristics with the communities in the rest of that district. Also, that we are given the opportunity to continue electing those who are sensitive to and have the same common interests of our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Sandra Figueroa Villa  
Executive Director  
El Centro del Pueblo  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California 90026  
[REDACTED] X102  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** AMENDED LETTER - CRC Hearing - June 16 - Culver City City Hall

**From:** "Stewart, Jana" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 17 Jun 2011 00:22:31 +0000

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

AMENDED VERSION - Please submit this e-mail and letter to the CRC at its hearing tonight, rather than the previous version. Thank you.

The statement below is from Mayor Bill Bogaard for presentation to the Commission at its hearing today at City Hall in the City of Culver City. It is also attached as a .pdf.

Thank you.

Jana Stewart  
Office of the Mayor & City Council

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June 16, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This statement is prepared for presentation to the Commission at its hearing today at City Hall in the City of Culver City. Thank you for the opportunity to present views on the impact of the recently announced tentative district boundaries on the City of Pasadena.

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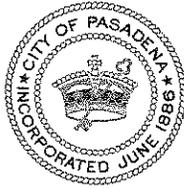
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Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD  
Mayor  
Kind regards,

Jana Stewart  
Office of the Mayor & City Council

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Sincerely,



BILL BOGAARD  
Mayor

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June 16, 2011

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Re: Hollywood Draft Redistricting Maps

Dear Commissioners:

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has reviewed the draft Assembly, Senate, and Congressional redistricting maps. The Chamber again would like to urge you to keep the Hollywood community intact as the Commission moves forward with drawing the new district boundary lines. With more than 200,000 residents in greater Hollywood, even though it is not a separate city, the Hollywood community has a very strong identity encompassing unique attitudes and concerns.

Historically, the boundaries of Hollywood are Mulholland on the North, Hyperion on the East, Melrose on the South, and City of West Hollywood on the West. We ask that all of Hollywood, as defined by these boundaries, are included as part of one district instead of three different districts as was done in the previous round of redistricting for the Assembly.

The Chamber believes that the current dissection of the Hollywood Community into multiple districts has led to confusion, dilution of resources, and lack of accountability as Hollywood residents have had to communicate concerns to multiple legislators with competing neighborhood interests, rather than one who is kept abreast of Hollywood's needs. Having reviewed the draft maps, the Chamber feels that the draft Senate and Congressional boundaries are consistent with the Hollywood Business Community's request to remain intact. However, we do have great concern with the draft Assembly map which again divides the Hollywood community amongst three Assembly districts.

***We respectfully ask that the Commission revisit the draft Assembly district boundaries to ensure that Hollywood is encompassed within one Assembly district (not just one Senate District), as generally, Assemblymembers, with their more manageable district sizes, are often more approachable and closer to the people they represent.***

For these reasons and others, the community of Hollywood should be kept in the same legislative district. It is important to keep communities which share so many unique characteristics together, to allow the residents of the local neighborhoods to petition their governments effectively on shared concerns. We thank you for your consideration of these points and concerns as you complete drawing the lines that will affect our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Leron Gubler  
President & CEO

**Subject:** Keep Pasadena and Altadena together

**From:** Jeanette Mann <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2011 17:06:38 -0700

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

Dear Commissioners,

The way Pasadena and Altadena have been butchered and combined with communities which are not only miles away but with which there is no common history, cultural affinity, nor recognition of long-established minority communities: the African-American community in Northwest Pasadena and west Altadena, for example, is the worst kind of gerrymandering.

Please keep our communities together .

Jeanette Mann

Sent from my iPhone