

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tor Hyams <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 14:06:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tor Hyams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting issues for Los Feliz. Los Angeles

Message Body:

Dear Sirs,

I am the a board member 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 also former VP of administration for the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC).

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 !

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Sincerely,

Tor Hyams

board member, Los Feliz Improvement Association

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: San Fernando Valley Redistricting-CD,AD,SS

From: susan abato <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 19:23:05 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Thank you for trying to do your best and draw the lines appropriately. First of all after living in Granada Hills for 25 years until moving to Reseda in 2009. I am in the boot or the East SFV CD based on the maps. As many have told you Reseda is the gateway to the West SFV.

While I realize that the Latino population has increased in this area, so have the many other ethnic.

One of the concerns is the State Senate District which runs from Santa Clarita to the ocean.

With the Federal and State Governments on the brink of bankruptcy, how do many of these maps help with constituent services. You all know that in some districts many of the legislators have two or three offices. This includes staff. Should the legislator choose to locate their office on the West side, do you know how far the SFV, and SCV are from that office.

Many will say, there is a telephone staff will contact you. I am an active correspondent with my legislators good and bad. Take it from me, staff in many of the great legislators is incompetent and there is nothing that legislator will or maybe now can do about it.

The San Fernando Valley actually has no common interest with the Santa Clarita Valley, however we have had some very wonderful legislators in both parties who know the value of both valleys.

Thank you for including Calabasas and Woodland Hills which stop at the Mulholland Ridge and not Mulholland Drive.

Please try to revisit the State Senate Map perhaps stopping at the SFV side.

Again with budgetary constraints that loom well into the future, how will any legislator's be able to handle the every growing active constituents and their interests.

With the 2000 census the 28th CD should have had Latino Representation. This was the not the fault of the voters, it was the fault of the legislator who has not represented the district.

Is anyone listening to those of us in the San Fernando Valley? I laughed when one of the commissioners said isn't the SFV really a large City. We tried to secede from the County, but the rest of LA did not want to support us.

I am listening to the stream live while emailing you so please forget the ramble, plus I have a broken wrist and it is difficult to type.

Several speakers last night and this evening were given extra time. It is very apparent that many of

the commissioners have relationships with some of those representing the Latino community.

Please consider that unifying cities of interest and travel time for a legislator, constituent as well as where or how many offices will be required.

Again,

Thank you,

Susan J. Abato

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From: Dale Lehman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 05:57:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dale Lehman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita-keep it whole

Message Body:

Commissioners:

Please keep Santa Clarite whole as one district. Please add Newhall to Antelope Valley. Thank you

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Subject: Redistricting for the City of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Los Nietos, and Pico Rivera

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 12:06:42 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Attn.: Redistricting Commission

My name is Gina Wong. I was born and raised in Pico Rivera and have lived in Whittier for the past 15 years. I believe that the Cities of Whittier, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Los Nietos, are really one community. Having lived here all my life, I know that there is a connectiveness with these neighborhoods, not only ethnicity, income levels, etc., but a way of life. Growing up in Pico Rivera, Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Los Nietos were as much a part of my life.

I understand that we are part of the "Gateway Cities" and one important factor that we all share is Rio Hondo College, that goes without saying a very important part of our community. I attended Rio Hondo College, which is a very good school, later transferring and graduating from California State University, Los Angeles. What do else do we have in common? While growing up we did all all shopping in Whittier, now, living in Whittier, we still are closer to many shopping and eateries in Pico Rivera which we patronize. We spend a lot of time in Santa Fe Springs, also, and often attend Church in Los Nietos. My Grandmother lived in Santa Fe Springs and we spent a lot of time at the Senior Center there with her. I also have fond memories of boarding my Horse in Los Nietos, which I walked to from Pico Rivera.

I feel strongly that these communities should be treated as one whole for the redistricting map - how could you divide it otherwise? I read in Mike Sprague's column "It's Politics" that Councilman Vinatieri proposed a map including Diamond Bar, that most of the other Councilmembers approved of. I think this is outrageous. The Cities of Whittier, Pico Rivera, Los Nietos, and Santa Fe Springs, have nothing to do with, and have nothing in common with the City of Diamond Bar. This is obviously politically motivated. I thought the commission was above political motivations and the purpose was to be fair.

I hope you take the fact that these cities are not only neighbors, but are really one community for our residents.

Thank you.

Gina Wong

[REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: redistricting

From: "Beverly Gladstone" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 14:11:39 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Council:

Please keep Sherman Oaks intact as an involved and active community!

Beverly & Bruce Gladstone
Sherman Oaks residents for over 50 years!

Beverly & Bruce Gladstone

[REDACTED]

Telephone [REDACTED]

Fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

USA

Subject: Santa Clarita Resident

From: Jeff Swartz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 20:41:57 +0800

To: [REDACTED]

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

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of California Congressional District 25 currently represented by Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon.

District 25 has its population base in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley. The rest of the remaining district incorporates much of the eastern Sierra Nevada. This has been the shape of the district for almost 20 years.

As a lifelong resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, I can attest to the fact that they valley's growth and the majority of its residents have more in common with the San Fernando Valley rather than the Antelope Valley or the eastern Sierra Nevada. Santa Clarita Valley residents work in the San Fernando Valley and its environs, their children play sports games against the San Fernando Valley teams and when we fly back east or up north, we prefer to use Burbank airport. To put it simply, our economies and politics go more hand in hand than the Antelope Valley or the eastern Sierra's.

While the Santa Clarita Valley geographically is not far from the Antelope Valley (it would take me actually longer to reach Palmdale or Lancaster from my home in Valencia than Burbank or Sherman Oaks), we don't interact much in the modern economy or are our politics all that similar. When Congressman McKeon ran for office in 1992 things were different. 20 years ago, Santa Clarita was a sleepy bedroom community for middle-class families who wanted safe schools and streets and a short commute to work. From an economic point of view, there wasn't all that much difference between the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys. Things have changed however. Santa Clarita has drawn a lot of new industries and new residents into its environs. In 20 years, the cities of Newhall, Stevenson Ranch, Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country, and Castaic have been built out-bringing in new jobs, residents and schools. With this change and this growth, the mindset and politics of the average Santa Clarita resident has changed as well. Instead of a sleepy high desert town, we have become the northern-most outpost of the greater Los Angeles region.

And that poses a stark difference from the time when we first elected Congressman McKeon. The Santa Clarita Valley today needs Congressional representation that is fair and plural to the majority of its residents. It is my opinion that our community should be drawn into a district that also includes portions of the northern San Fernando Valley as we are connected into one regional economy. Please take this into consideration when you draw your maps and do not base your maps on the fact that 1 Congressman has been representing the same district since its inception. If there was ever an example of incumbent protection, California District 25 would be a great case study.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Colin Swartz

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Jeff Swartz

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Subject: Rossmoor resident

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 13:24:02 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting that places Rossmoor in the same district as Long Beach. We are in Orange County and have had the same Member of the House of Representatives for Many years. He is well acquainted with the unique character of our neighborhood. We have nothing in common with Long Beach. We are in a school district with Seal Beach. We have many cultural programs that we share with Seal Beach, with Cypress and with West Garden Grove. These are the cities that make up our community.

Lance Slimmer

[REDACTED]

Rossmoor, CA

Subject: The City of Lawndale belongs in the 36th Congressional District, the 28th Senate District and the 53rd Assembly District

From: "Charles Nichols" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 23:13:52 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The City of Lawndale belongs in the 36th Congressional District, the 28th Senate District and the 53rd Assembly District.

Lawndale is the "Heart of the South Bay" it says so on the City sign and has so for decades.

Lawndale shares its Western border with the City of Redondo Beach and its Southern Border with the City of Torrance, all in the South Bay.

The first draft of the maps incorporate areas which reach far further East than does Lawndale's Eastern boundary.

Please include the City of Lawndale in your final maps for the 36th Congressional District, the 28th Senate District and the 53rd Assembly District.

regards,

Charles Nichols

Subject: The Del Rey Neighborhood of Los Angeles

From: Elizabeth Pollock <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 03:45:37 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I was Speaker #96 white at the June 16, 2011 public input hearing in Culver City, CA.

When drawing the lines, the school district boundaries need to be considered.

1. Santa Monica and Culver City each have independent school districts. Del Rey is served by the Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD").
2. Students from Del Rey, Marina del Rey, Venice and Mar Vista attend Venice High School, so Del Rey should be in the same congressional district with those cities.
3. Playa Vista is building its own elementary school, but its students attend middle school and high school in Westchester.
4. Marina del Rey is administered by Los Angeles County, not the City of Los Angeles. Del Rey has a small area that is unincorporated county, and Del Rey has asked that it be in the same county supervisor's district that covers Marina del Rey. (Currently, they are in separate districts.)

In short, Del Rey is part of Los Angeles, not Santa Monica or Culver City. It should be together with other neighborhoods of Los Angeles and with Marina del Rey.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth A. Pollock
President
Del Rey Homeowners & Neighbors Association

Subject: Public Testimony

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 11:05:25 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Hello

My name is Celeste Zabala and I have been a resident of Pico Rivera, Ca 90660 for 61 years, and I would like the commission to keep my community together, I am a small business owner in the City of Whiiter, Ca. 90606 and my neighborhood and business area are working class and low to median income families, I think economically and socially we cannot be divided up into different local and state and federal districts, we should 1 rep for everything

Thank you for your time

Celeste Zabala

[REDACTED]
Pico Rlvera, Ca,, 90660
[REDACTED]

June 17, 2011

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

Re: Public Input on 1st Round of Redistricting Maps – Los Angeles Harbor Area

To whom it may concern,

First of all, thank you for separating the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex as I had recommended in my letter of May 23. It makes a world of difference in how the port communities are supported, and the port industry would have stronger representation by the good fortune of having two elected officials in each house.

I continue to have concerns, however with how the first round of maps are drawn for the South Bay. Specifically, the shredding of city of Los Angeles.

It would appear that the boundary lines have been drawn along the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and its implied extension to the ocean along Gaffey Street in San Pedro. We all know that freeways do not define communities, they divide them. By using this method the Commission has halved the representation for the City of Los Angeles in the South Bay.

The Port of Los Angeles is a main feature in this region, but the maps have it cut off from a good portion of the community it serves. Furthermore, the Los Angeles waterfront has little to do with areas to the north of Carson. I would strongly recommend broadening the district at the coastline instead to include the Los Angeles communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway in their entirety and within the same district as the Port of Los Angeles.

As these districts are now drawn they also appear to be wholly along "like communities" of income levels. In other words, a corridor of poverty is being created from Lynwood to San Pedro, while the wealth has been preserved in the Palos Verdes/Beach Cities districts.

Should a balance be needed to create a more equitable income or political party distribution then add the Palos Verdes peninsula into the mix.

This would keep Los Angeles whole, preserve the city's waterfront, and include the community with the Port that serves them.

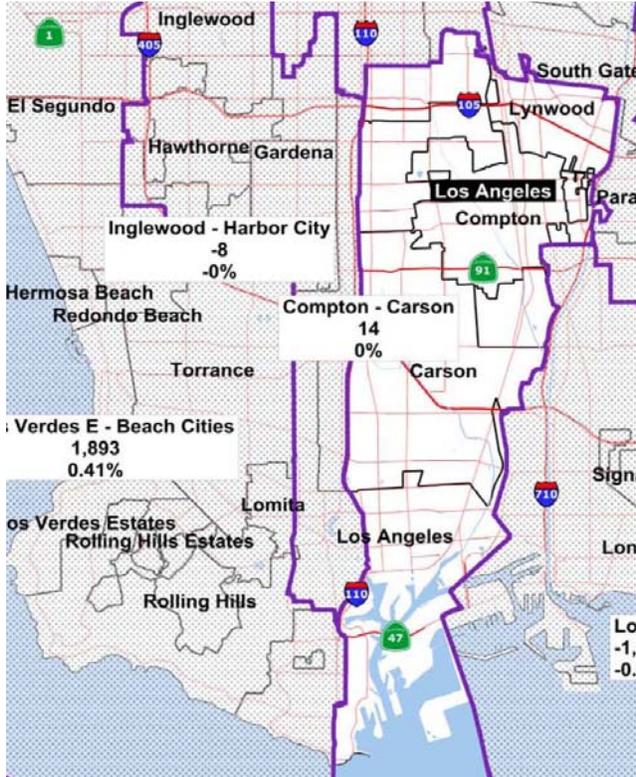
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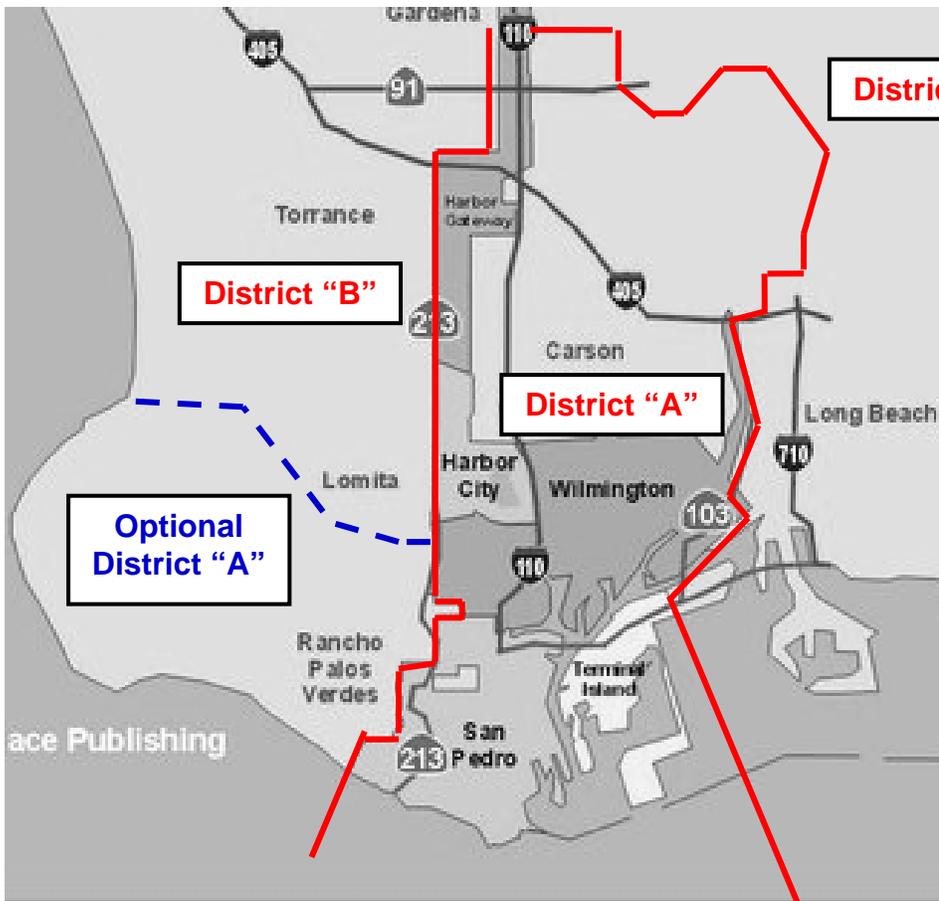


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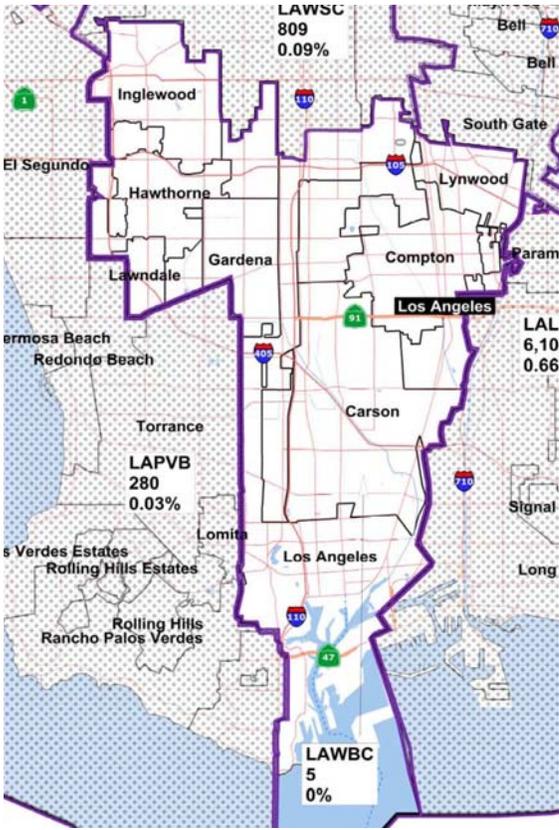


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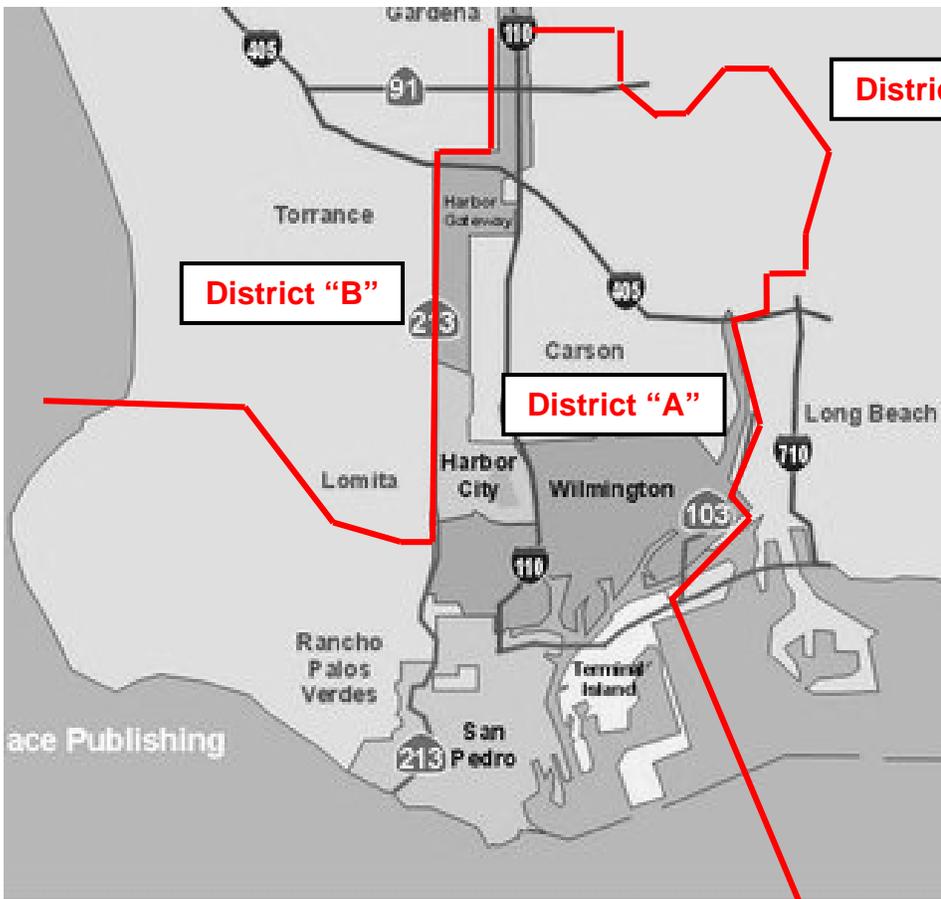


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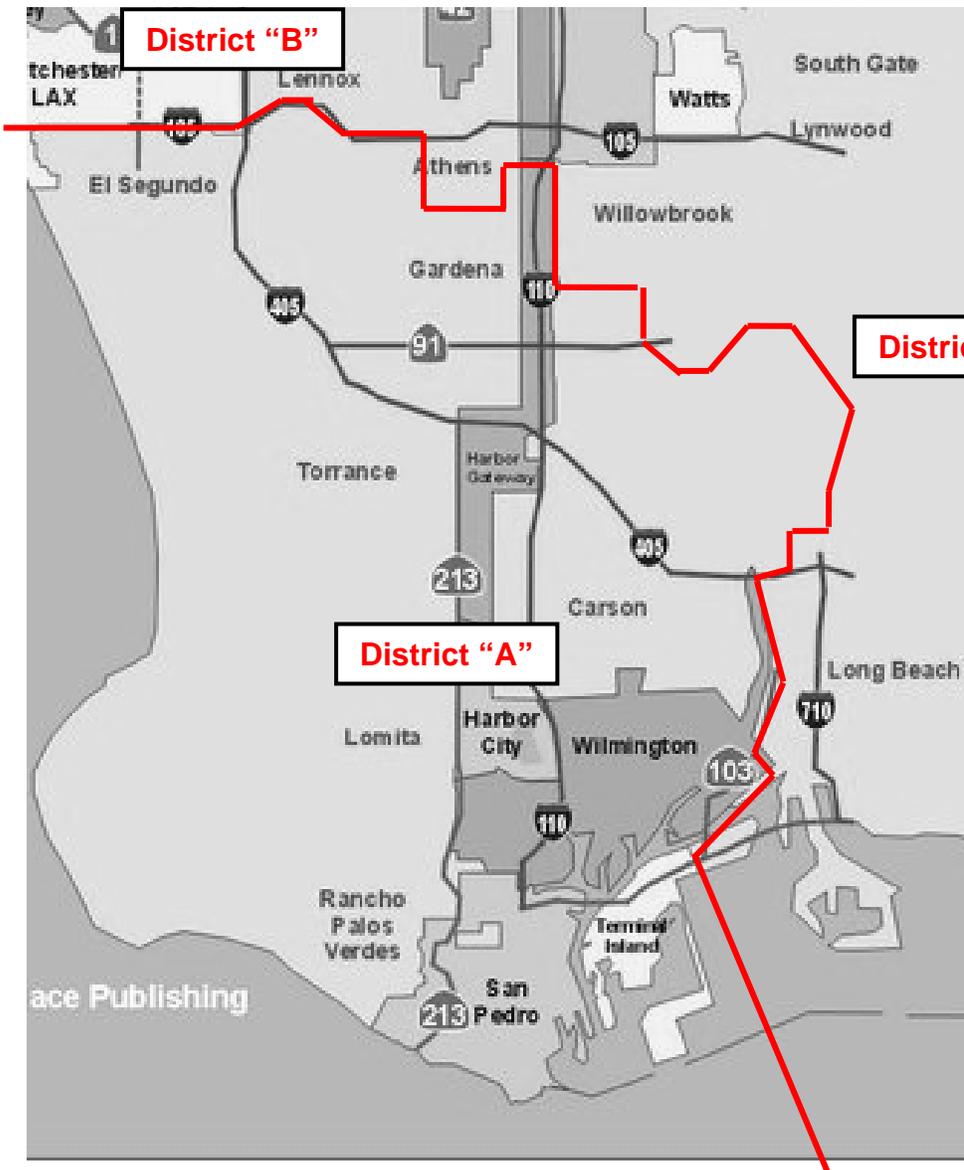


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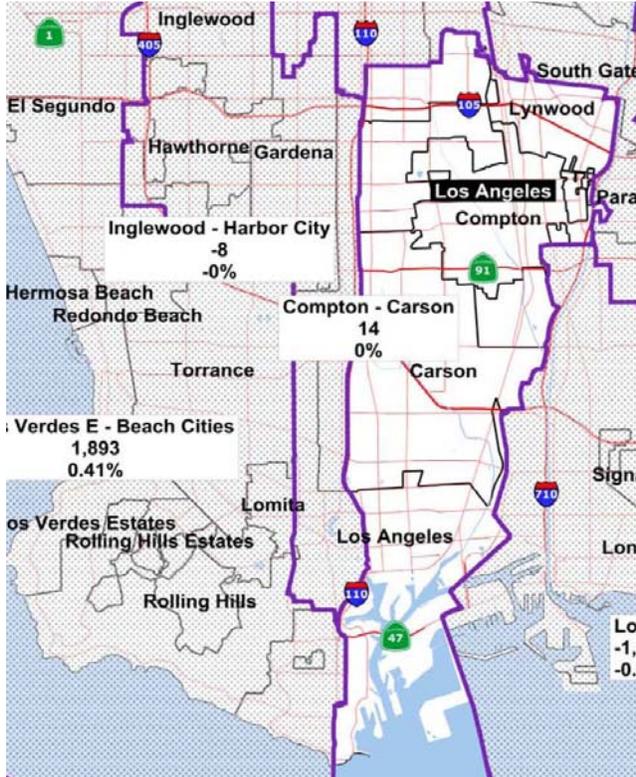
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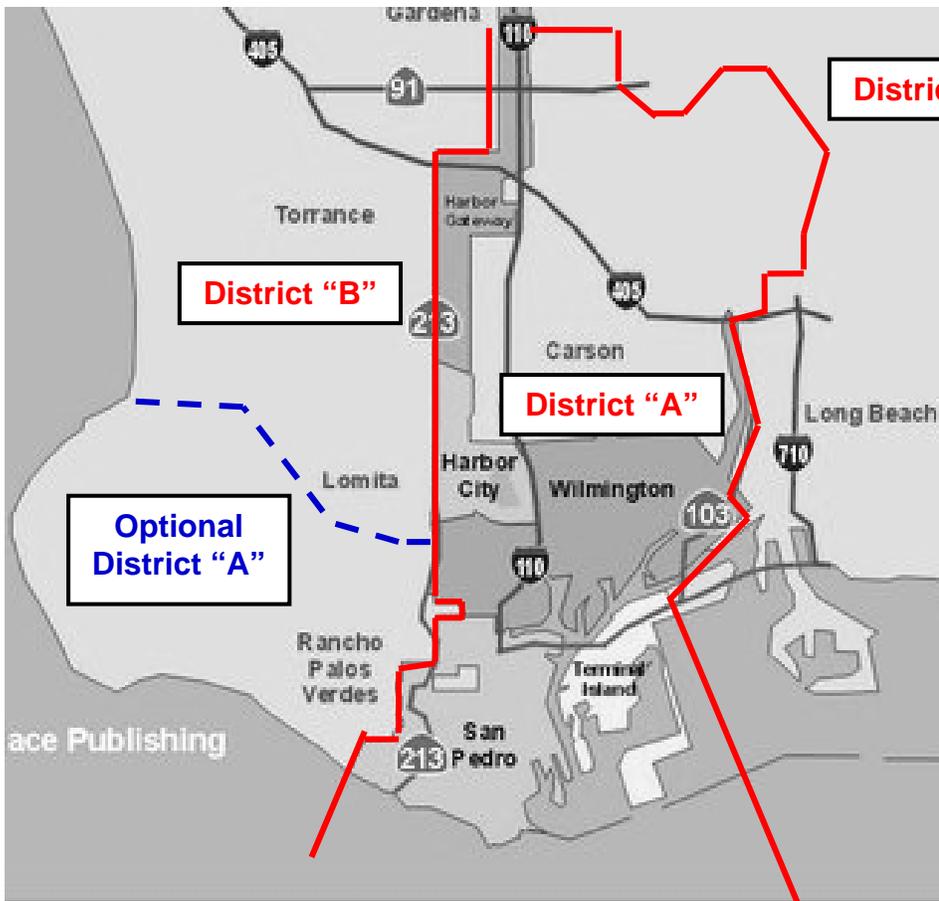


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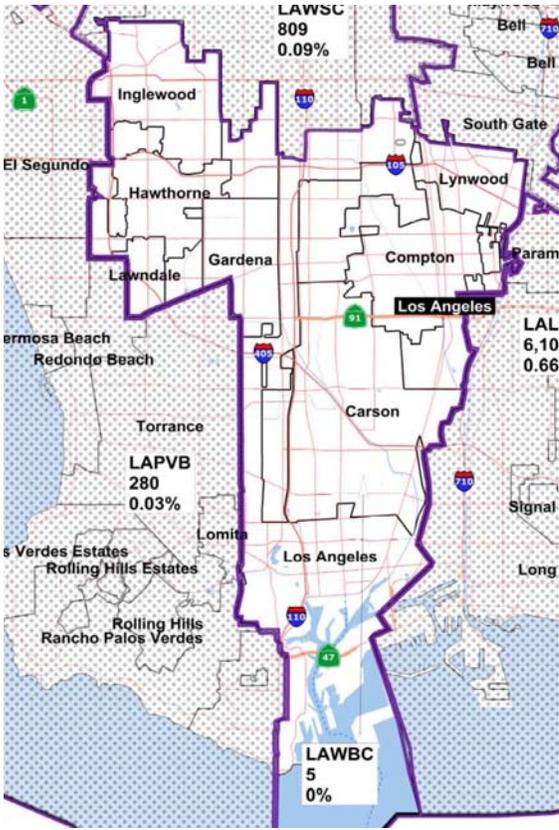


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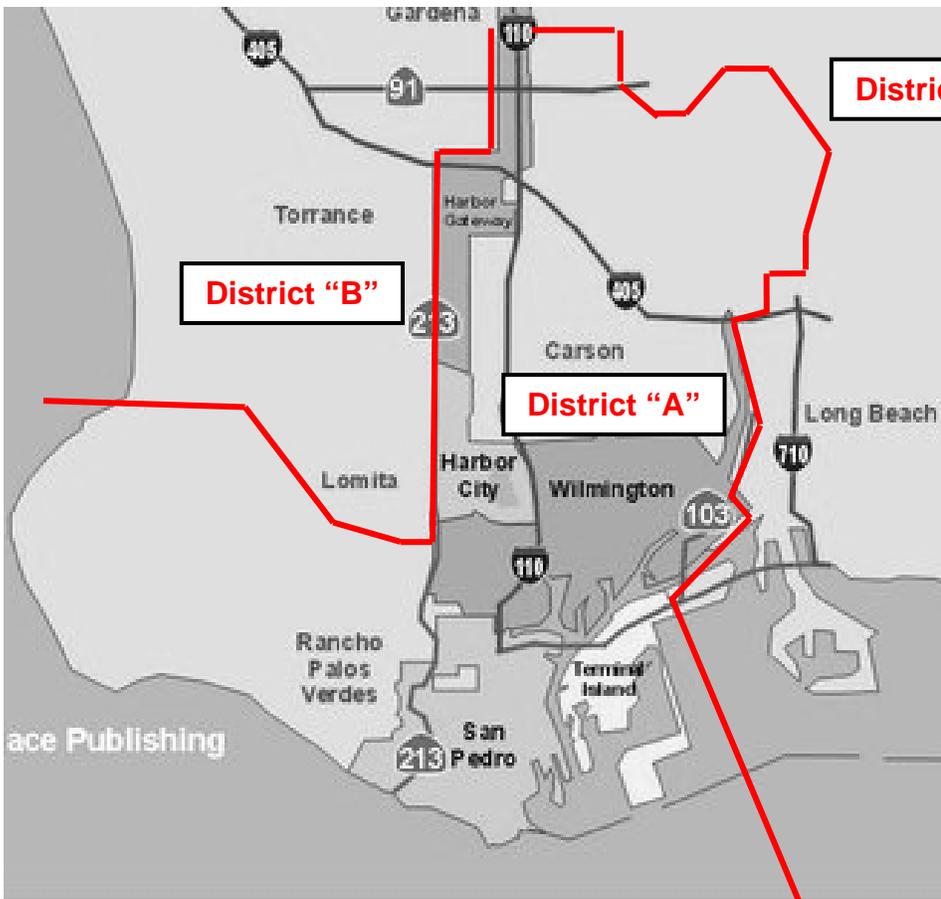


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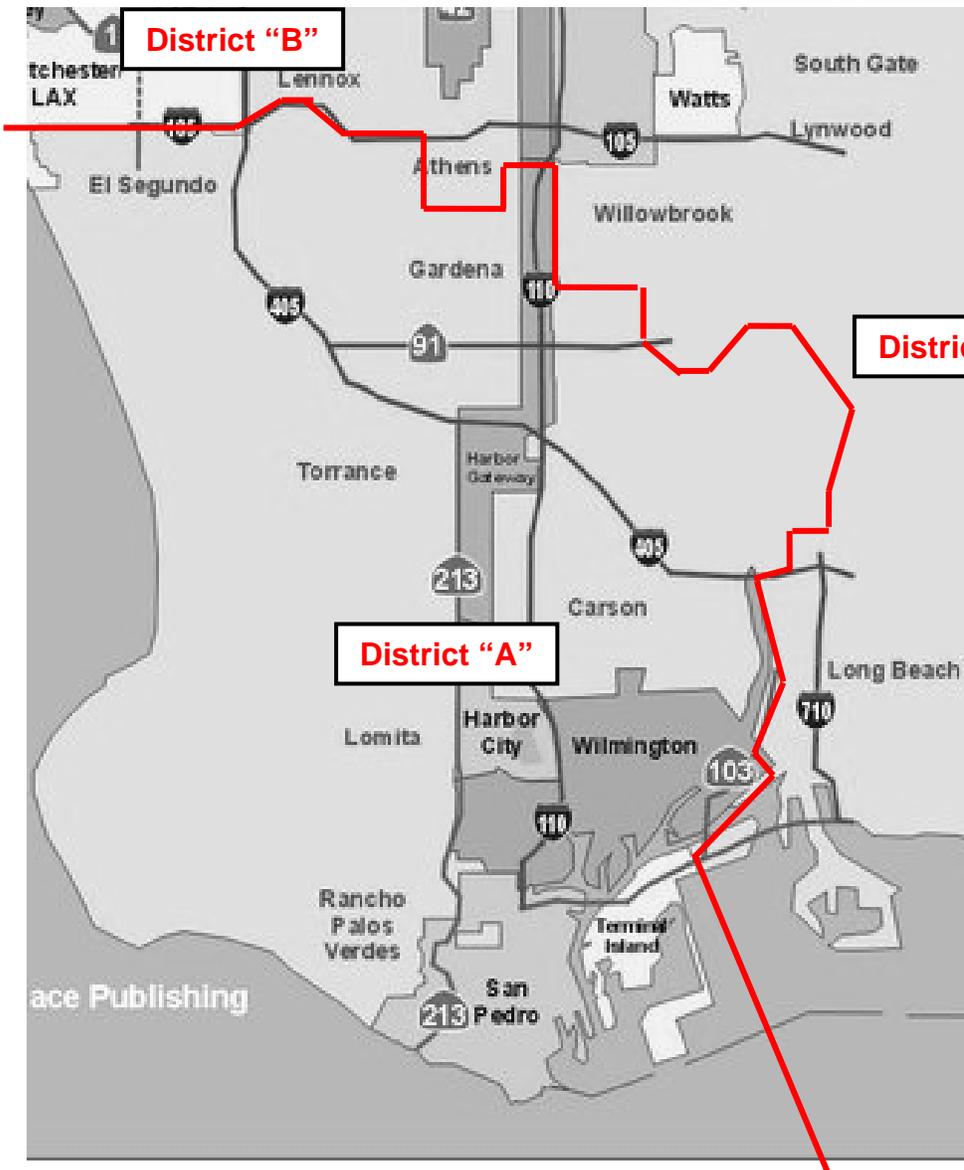


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Hawthorne – Gardena – Compton
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Proposed
Congressional District

Subject: South Bay--36th CD and 53rd AD

From: David Herbst <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 21:43:06 +0000

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

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the tremendous amount of time and energy you are putting into ensuring we have fair districts for the next ten years. My name is David Herbst and I am a 24 year resident of Westchester/Playa del Rey. In addition, I am an alumnus of Loyola Marymount University, former "honorary mayor of Westchester & Marina del Rey", an active member of the local chambers of commerce and executive Vice President at Mercury Air Group, one of the larger employers in the area.

I am writing today to ask you to please keep Westchester with the rest of the South Bay in its state assembly, state senate and congressional districts, where it belongs and has been in one form or another since at least the 1970s reapportionment. Westchester's residential and business communities are intrinsically tied to the South Bay through common industries, common communities of interest and common socio-demographics.

Our housing costs are more than twice as much as the communities to the east, giving us a set of economic and tax concerns more aligned with El Segundo and the Beach Cities than Inglewood and Lennox-- where in the case of Lennox, more than 30% of the residents live below the poverty line, versus less than 5% in our community. The table below (which I've taken from data from the "LA Times Mapping LA" project) is relatively current (2009) and should make the case for the stark socioeconomic differences between ourselves and the other communities.

A large portion of our residents now and historically have been are aerospace workers and engineers, who work at one of the aerospace contractors in El Segundo or Redondo Beach. The Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, is crucial to our local economy, with many of the contractors and jobs supporting it. Ensuring that we have the same representation for where these people live as where they work will help to ensure that our economic interests are protected.

Westchester deserves representation that makes sense -- for the last 10 years we have been represented by two different congressional districts, three different assembly districts and two different state senate districts. We have been lumped in with Inglewood and Hyde Park in one district and with Long Beach in another. We deserve to be kept together and to have our interests well represented by putting us with the similar communities to the south of us: El Segundo, the Beach Cities, Torrance and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Please keep the current lines for all districts as they are in your initial June draft.

Sincerely,

David A. Herbst

Executive Vice President, Mercury Air Group
Former President, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce
Former President, LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce
Former Chairman of the Board, The Westchester Family YMCA
Former Honorary Mayor of Westchester/Playa del Rey

Inglewood and nearby communities vs. Westchester	Inglewood[25]	Hyde Park[26]	Ladera Heights[27]	Westchester[28]	Hawthorne[29]	Manhattan Beach	El Segundo	Playa Del Rey
Population	112,482	38,635	6,509	41,500	86,265	34,039	15,970	11,317
White	4%	2%	19%	52%	13%	86%	78%	73%
Latino	46%	27%	3%	17%	44%	5%	10%	10%

Asian	1%	1%	3%	10%	8%	6%	7%	8%
Black	46%	66%	71%	17%	32%	1%	1%	4%
Household income	\$46,574	\$39,460	\$117,925	\$77,473	\$43,602	\$136,481	\$83,925	\$91,339
College degree	13%	12%	53%	42%	13%	68%	41%	59%
Median age	29	31	43	35	27	37	36	38%
Single parents	27%	29%	10%	15%	27%	7%	13%	7%
Veteran	8%	9%	13%	9%	7%	10%	11%	11%
Foreign born	30%	20%	7%	21%	33%	9%	12%	16%

Subject: redistricting maps

From: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 08:58:59 -0700

To: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission;

While I understand and supported the change to have citizens rather than politicians redraw the district maps, I think consideration to the population make up of the districts is critical.

I live 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 and to consider the makeup of the communities of which a representative will have to be concerned with. The issues are completely different of this proposed mix of communities into one district and not representative of the concerns and interests of the residents of Los Feliz.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tess Nelson

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90068

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Tim Wendler [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 02:56:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tim Wendler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Gabriel Valley - Congressional

Message Body:

[REDACTED], Pasadena CA 91104 *** (626) [REDACTED] *** [REDACTED]

June 16, 2011

Dear Mr. Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Tim Wendler. I have resided in the foothill communities of the San Gabriel mountains for 25 years, with the most recent 15 years spent living in Pasadena.

Although the Commission did an excellent job of drawing districts, it failed to keep a significant number of cities whole. I do not understand why so many cities in the San Gabriel Valley were unnecessarily split.

In regards to the three Congressional Districts drawn for the San Gabriel Valley please note the following.

Pasadena should be united in one district. East Pasadena is clearly a community of interest with Pasadena. Pasadena, East Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre all share the same school district. These communities should be together in the Congressional District with Glendale and Burbank.

I am also very familiar with the cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Duarte, Monrovia, Azusa, La Verne and Glendora should not be split. Adding Claremont, which like Duarte and Monrovia has a sizable African American Community, to the COVNA district makes geographic and community of interest sense. The cities in the Eastern Part of the San Gabriel Valley should be kept together and moved into the COVNA district. It makes far more sense to have this eastern San Gabriel Valley district compact than it is to have these cities connected with Glendale and Burbank. Frankly, the eastern San Gabriel Valley cities have nothing in common with Glendale and Burbank. Geography and compactness should be paramount in their application of the San Gabriel Valley.

Shifting Baldwin Park or another city from the lower or western part of the COVNA district to into SGVDB district will balance out the population and give the San Gabriel Valley three better districts.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Wendler

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Elena Perez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 03:49:30 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Elena Perez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: We Who Adjoin Griffith Park

Message Body:

We urge you in the strongest way possible to keep the communities that touch Griffith Park in one Assembly district. These include Atwater Village, Silver Lake, Los Feliz, the Hollywood Hills, Hollywood proper, and Burbank.

Our communities share history, culture, shopping, and most importantly, employment patterns, key industries, and same state issues of concern.

Please honor our requests. Thank you.

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From: "Robynn A. Creitz" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 18:33:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Robynn A. Creitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Message: 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: Dennis Lord <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 02:13:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dennis Lord <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Map Typo

Message Body:

On your Hawthorne-Gardena-Compton map, Gardena is misspelled. Just helping you look professional...

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lisa Lehman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 05:53:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lisa Lehman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita-keep whole

Message Body:

Please keep Santa Clarite whole. Please add Newhall and Antelope Valley

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Arpi Kevorkian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 03:19:14 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Arpi Kevorkian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Oft-Repeated Request

Message Body:

I have read the letters on your website from the Chambers of Commerce and what seems like hundreds of individuals from Burbank, Hollywood, all the way through Atwater Village.

We urge you in the strongest way possible to keep the communities that touch Griffith Park in one Assembly and Senate district. These are: Atwater Village, Silver Lake, Los Feliz, the Hollywood Hills, ALL Hollywoods, and Burbank.

Shared history, shared culture, shared shopping, shared employment patterns, shared industry, and most important: shared state issues of concern.

Thank you and God bless.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Darlene Zavalney <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 19:45:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Darlene Zavalney <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Pedro

Message Body:

The current redistricting map divides our city and takes away the heart of our city, the Port, from the people of San Pedro. This is a town who draws its strength from being a town united and passionate about its future. PLEASE do not divide San Pedro into the haves and have nots and do not put our Port in the hands of another town that has no connection to the port.

Thank you for consideration.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Chris Townsley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 21:31:04 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris Townsley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping Newhall & Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Message: Commissioners:

Please, please, please - we are a geographically divided area and Newhall-Valencia does NOT belong as part of the San Fernando Valley! It must remain as part of the Santa Clarita Valley whole, inasmuch as there is a large mountain range and the Newhall Pass separating us from the San Fernando Valley.

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.

Sincerely,

Chris Townsley

Newhall homeowner (part of the Santa Clarita Valley too!)

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Brian <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 04:11:56 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Brian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Google Maps or Something Similar

Message Body:

Hello,

I don't know what the rules and regulations are for producing map drafts, but can I suggest/request that you provide your maps on Google Maps-style maps that allow users to zoom in and out with a more detailed understanding of which houses fall in which districts? Thank you so much for all your hard work!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joan Baumann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 20:20:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan Baumann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Message 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: Michael DeNeal <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 21:37:16 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Michael DeNeal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Newhall split from Santa Clarita

Message Body:

I support keeping the Santa Clarita Valley whole!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Debi Statland <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 21:41:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Debi Statland <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistrict mapping

Message Body:

I live in Tujunga, CA. and if you look at regular map you will see that we are situated in the hills nearest La Crescenta, Burbank, Glendale, Montrose, La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace and Shadow Hills.

These are the communities where we do business and interact as a functional group with similar interests. We are all Foothill communities with interest in maintaining our green views and animal friendly environment.

Please allow us to be placed in this mapping group and for the first time we will actually have much in common with our entire area, as you set for representation.

Thank you.

Debi Statland

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 22:56:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Public Input on 1st Round of Redistricting Maps - Los Angeles Harbor Area

Message Body:

(Hard Copy with maps being sent via email transmittal)

June 17, 2011

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

Re: Public Input on 1st Round of Redistricting Maps - Los Angeles Harbor Area

To whom it may concern,

First of all, thank you for separating the Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex as I had recommended in my letter of May 23. It makes a world of difference in how the port communities are supported, and the port industry would have stronger representation by the good fortune of having two elected officials in each house.

I continue to have concerns, however with how the first round of maps are drawn for the South Bay. Specifically, the shredding of city of Los Angeles.

It would appear that the boundary lines have been drawn along the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and its implied extension to the ocean along Gaffey Street in San Pedro. We all know that freeways do not define communities, they divide them. By using this method the Commission has halved the representation for the City of Los Angeles in the South Bay.

The Port of Los Angeles is a main feature in this region, but the maps have it cut off from a good portion of the community it serves. Furthermore, the Los Angeles waterfront has little to do with areas to the north of Carson. I would strongly recommend broadening the district at the coastline instead to include the Los Angeles communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway in their entirety and within the same district as the Port of Los Angeles.

As these districts are now drawn they also appear to be wholly along "like communities" of income levels. In other words, a corridor of poverty is being created from Lynwood to San Pedro, while the wealth has been preserved in the Palos Verdes/Beach Cities districts.

Should a balance be needed to create a more equitable income or political party distribution then add the Palos Verdes peninsula into the mix.

This would keep Los Angeles whole, preserve the city's waterfront, and include the community with the Port that serves them.

Thank you once again for this opportunity.

Regards,

Carrie Scoville
enclosures: Maps (6)

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Yvonne E. Pine" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 23:43:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Yvonne E. Pine <[REDACTED]>

Subject: South Pasadena, City

Message Body:

It is totally unacceptable to have So. Pasadena joined with Los Angeles and cities to the south in the Congressional District.

Our history is very close association with Pasadena and San Marino and we are also physically divided from Los Angeles by the Arroyo Seco. Our experience has been that we have had almost no connection with our State Senator Gilbert Cedillo as he represents mostly Los Angeles.

If we are trying to increase citizen participation in government, we absolutely must NOT leave the district lines as they are in the draft proposal.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Rebecca A. Basham" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2011 00:21:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rebecca A. Basham <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support Keeping Santa Clarita Whole

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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

Thank you

RA Basham

Newhall

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Larry Wims <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 15:12:19 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Larry Wims <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not let Valencia be moved from Santa Clarita to San Fernando.

Thank You!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Willard C. Gekler" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 16:52:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Willard C. Gekler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Relocation of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor

Message Body:

The reason for this move is unclear since we have NO community of interest with the proposed Long Beach district. We have nothing in common with Long Beach. We are in Orange County not Los Angeles County. Our voice in Congressional matters would be squelched. We believe that Congressman Royce is doing an excellent job. Further Congresswoman Richardson's activities are much more focused on Long Beach and West Long Beach. Please do not make this change.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: John Haggard <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 17:28:24 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Haggard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

I attended your hearing on Thursday, June 16 in Culver City, but had to leave before I got a chance to speak. I would just like to ask that you keep the San Fernando Valley as unified as possible. In the past we have had to share a congressional district with places as far flung as Malibu, and these are areas that have very different interests than we do. So, as far as other considerations will allow, please keep the San Fernando Valley as unified and autonomous as possible. Thank you for your work.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Joan Curd <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 16:00:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan Curd <[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 keep Newhall in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Thank You.

Joan Curd

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Subject: East San Fernando Valley comments

From: Farid Ben Amor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 00:43:32 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear commissioners,

For the sake of full disclosure, I'd first like to say that - as some of you may remember - I spent a couple of months in my capacity as a Coro fellow contracted to assist Rob Wilcox with your communication and outreach efforts along with my colleague Andrew DeBlock. That exposure to your work made me appreciate all the more your earnest and attentive efforts in the face of such an intense schedule and all the fatigue that must've accompanied it. Congratulations on the first round of draft maps! They are already clearly vast improvements in all the criteria you've been tasked with fulfilling.

My comments pertain to the east San Fernando Valley districts you've drawn. I spent the first 17 years of my life growing up in Sunland, at the northeast corner of the Valley. Towards the end of that time in late high school, I became involved with the city of Los Angeles' neighborhoodempowerment efforts. After about 10 years out of state, I returned to Sunland a year ago, and quickly became reengaged with the neighborhood council.

First, thank you for attaching Sunland and Tujunga to our adjacent neighbors to the southwest. Please continue to keep us joined with the city of Los Angeles, as many people forget that we are still a part of the city. We share much more in common with our southwest neighbors than the foothill communities to the east.

Second, thank you for the marked strides you've made in giving the Valley a more unified political voice by keeping us mostly bound to each other, rather than to those across mountain ranges. However, I feel that the Valley's districts ought to run completely contiguous from the northern mountain range crests to the southern mountain range crest (Mulholland) rather than east to west.

It is in this area that I think the next draft of maps can make even further improvements. I strenuously advocate the extension of the east San Fernando Valley assembly, state senate, and congressional districts to the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains, to Mulholland Drive. Right now my district (the East San Fernando Valley draft for assembly) only goes to about mid North Hollywood. The church I attend, St Charles Borromeo lies right on the other side of the border (Lankershim) as currently drafted. I strongly feel that my community of interest does not end at this arbitrary line in a divided North Hollywood, but goes all the way to Universal City and up the hill to Mulholland Drive. We share similar networks and concerns as on my side of the Valley (the northeast side) we are also all in hills and mountains, just as those on the southeastern edge. Growing up, many of those I attended school with live in Studio City and Sherman Oaks. Right now, they are in a draft assembly district that goes all the way to Thousand Oaks and beyond. As Studio City, North Hollywood, and Universal City are parts of my community that I continue to spend a significant amount of time in, beyond church, I feel that they belong more closely in the eastern San Fernando Valley assembly, state

senate, and congressional districts. Please help the Valley's districts meet their topographical namesake.

Thank you again for all your thoughtful work! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like further justification or suggestions for these home communities of mine.

In earnest,
Farid Enrique Ben Amor

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: David Crowley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 14:19:23 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: David Crowley <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Non-Details of Maps

Message Body:

It's hard to see exactly what areas are covered in depth as no street names are given in any of the maps available online. You can see a broad view, but no specific areas. It would help, I think, if major boundary streets were named at least. Example: on the 33rd Congressional map, I cannot tell if the northern border above the 10 Freeway is Pico Blvd, Olympic Blvd or some other street. Could this be corrected by the time the second version of the maps are released?

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ann Tomkins <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 17:23:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ann Tomkins <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Quality of Maps

Message Body:

Can't you put better maps on your website. I can't tell where my home is on these maps. Why aren't they street level maps?

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "William D. Creitz" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 18:32:39 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: William D. Creitz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Message: 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: Comments on Redistricting Plan

From: "Mikie Maloney" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 10:21:31 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Commission Members,

Thank you for your work on this huge project. It is truly inspiring to see the people's hand in this process.

I am commenting on the propose district for Sherman Oaks in the San Fernando Valley out of Los Angeles. Sherman Oaks is a wonderful place to live and many residents and business owners are active in the community. It is one of the older communities in the Valley and has always tried to work with its elected officials in making improvements. One of the main deterrents to working with officials is when the community is split and officials do not have the time to address our issues. We currently have split City Council Districts in Sherman Oaks, and, while they are both committed to our community, they are sometimes fragmented in the attention they can give their Sherman Oaks constituents.

The natural boundary for both Assembly and Senate representatives for Sherman Oaks is not Ventura Boulevard, but Mulholland Boulevard. Traditionally, Mulholland provides a separation of interests and also is a geographic boundary, as well. Sherman Oaks does not end at Ventura Boulevard, but Mulholland Boulevard. Residents in the "hills" of Sherman Oaks are strongly aligned with "flatland" residents, and this proposed boundary effectively divides the community in half.

At a time when communities need to be working together with each other and with their elected officials, this creates division and separation that is counterproductive to finding effective solutions to our common problems.

Please revisit this issue and keep Sherman Oaks one community.

Sincerely,

Mikie Maloney

[REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423



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Determine if your district falls under the protection of the federal Voting Rights Act.

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- 13.12% Asian
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- 2.44% Two or More Races

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From: **Joan Levine** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Jun 12, 2011 at 9:09 PM
Subject: Hollywood/Griffith Park District
To: [REDACTED]

Attached is a Hollywood-centered, Griffith-Park-respectful district. As you will see, it is trapezoidal, makes sense, keeps communities of interest together, and does not violate the Voting Rights Act.

—Hollywood-District.jpg



Population

Does your district meet the "equal population" requirement?

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Subject: North Redlands and SBRIA

From: Genevieve Estrada <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 12:22:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To the Redistricting Commission,

I'm Genevieve Estrada and I am wife, a mother, a grandmother, and recently a great grandmother. I grew up in Redlands and moved away for college to pursue a career as a CPA in Los Angeles. I came back to Redlands 10 years ago to retire with my husband and moved back in with my very sick mother.

I wanted to attend the hearing in San Bernardino, but we have plans for my husband on Fathers Day. I can't make it and you can forget about my neighbors going.

Redlands is personal to me because my family roots run very deep. You can add new housing and shopping malls, but it still feels like home.

It is true that over time Redlands became 2 cities and that I-10 has become a dividing line in the sand between the white collar and blue collar workers, the farmers' daughters and the urbanites, and the minorities and the predominantly white. Those who say Redlands is all the same have ulterior motives and want to keep the same old elected officials that came into power with more gerrymandering. And that's the truth!

Redlands residents north of the freeways deserve representation that best matches their urban lifestyle. North Redlands belongs with the SBRIA Congressional District. The mansions, the rolling hills, the vast fields, and the orange orchards south of I-10 are better off being part of the INMSB congressional district, which is heavily rural.

The citizens commission has an opportunity to make things right for North Redlands. Including us in the SBRIA congressional district would give us hope that our elected official will actually listen to our needs and fix our neighborhoods and parks that are falling apart.

I have my opinions, but I'm always right. Take another look at your numbers for North Redlands and you will agree.

Mrs. Genevieve Estrada

Subject: Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, La Canada

From: "William Koelsch" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 16:47:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear CRC,

I have been informed that you plan to suggest a congressional district the splits these communities in half.

I would respectfully suggest that the whole cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre should be in the same district. It would be especially unwise to make the district line split any one of them. I personally believe that the city of La Canada-Flintridge is very similar in nature to those cities and would be best included in the same district. La Canada does have a different area code, however, so that might seem a reason to split it apart. I feel that Arcadia is also almost a sister city of those mentioned above.

Respectfully,

William Koelsch

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91105

[REDACTED]

Subject: PLEASE KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER!

From: Darla Dyson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 13:41:08 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To ALL -

I am a resident of Pasadena and urge you to keep Pasadena in one Congressional District and please keep Pasadena and Altadena together in one assembly district. Pasadena and Altadena are in the same school district!

Also, please keep South Pasadena united.

Thank you,

Darla Dyson
Pasadena, CA
[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Glenda Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2011 07:40:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Glenda Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita whole

Message Body:

I have lived in the south side of Newhall for over 40 years and worked hard to create the City of Santa Clarita. I want to be governed as a citizen of Santa Clarita, NOT part of the San Fernando Valley and west to Simi Valley NOR east to the Antelope Valley. Leave Santa Clarita WHOLE.

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