



Office of the Mayor and the City Council

June 17, 2011

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

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It is with great importance that I submit to you this letter on behalf of the Monrovia City Council regarding the first round of draft maps released on June 10th for Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate and Board of Equalization districts. As the Mayor of the City of Monrovia, I want to take this opportunity to voice the needs of our community as you continue the critically important and daunting process of drafting the boundaries for our future legislative districts.

First and foremost, my primary concern for Monrovia is that our community is kept whole. In previous visualizations, our City was divided into two Congressional Districts and two Assembly Districts. Fortunately, the June 10th Draft Proposal shows that Monrovia's Congressional district has not split. We ask that as you continue through this process that you preserve Monrovia as a uniformed district. This helps reduce confusion, improves communication with legislators, and encourages the alignment of goals for Monroviaans.

Secondly, I would like to request that you reduce the geographic size of the proposed Congressional District. Currently, the proposed San Gabriel Mountain Foothill District will be the largest in Los Angeles County. Similar to the Congressional District, the Senate District is also expansive, and cuts into parts of Pasadena and Northern Rancho Cucamonga. Again, if there is any way to reduce this, I believe it would help create a more manageable district for our future state Senators and Congress members, and allow them to better serve the needs of their constituents.

Finally, the Assembly District as proposed separates Monrovia from Pasadena – a city that we share important ties to, ranging from emergency services to transportation to shared minority communities. I ask that you include Pasadena and Monrovia in the same district in future maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Lutz".

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
City of Monrovia

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