



Dear Commissioners,

As you are well aware, we are approaching the end of a long and historic process with the release of a district map created through a new and unique method. This has presented a rare opportunity for us.

This letter briefly recaps our work to help the Commission ensure that the new district lines are a fair and equitable representation of the immense diversity of cultures and interests in Southern California.

Initially, we had our members attend the Commission's public input hearings to monitor the process and get a sense of how residents defined their communities.

We then carefully reviewed and coded this testimony to determine defensible communities of interest based on relevant social and economic factors and trends.

Using this analysis we then drew up a State Senate map that we felt best represented the interests of these communities. Throughout this process we made absolutely certain that our maps complied with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

We were fairly pleased upon reviewing the Commission's first draft of the State Senate plan, leading us to believe that the Commission gave considerable weight to the public input and arrived at many of the same conclusions we did.

However, as we reviewed the State Assembly map we began to notice some issues with respect to voting rights in South Los Angeles. Some of these issues were similar to those raised by the AARC, NALEO, MALDEF, and APALC. We also identified some issues with regards to environmental and coastal communities and related communities of interest. So we again went to work drafting a State Assembly map that we felt would address these issues utilizing the architecture that the Commission had established with the first draft maps.

The attached pages include all of the materials we have submitted, consolidated into this single PDF for the Commission's convenience. We hope that our recommendations, especially pertaining to the State Assembly, will be considered for the second and the final draft.

Finally, we would just like to thank the Commission for its tireless efforts.

Sincerely,

Ken Kiesselbach, on behalf of **Young Professionals for Better Government**

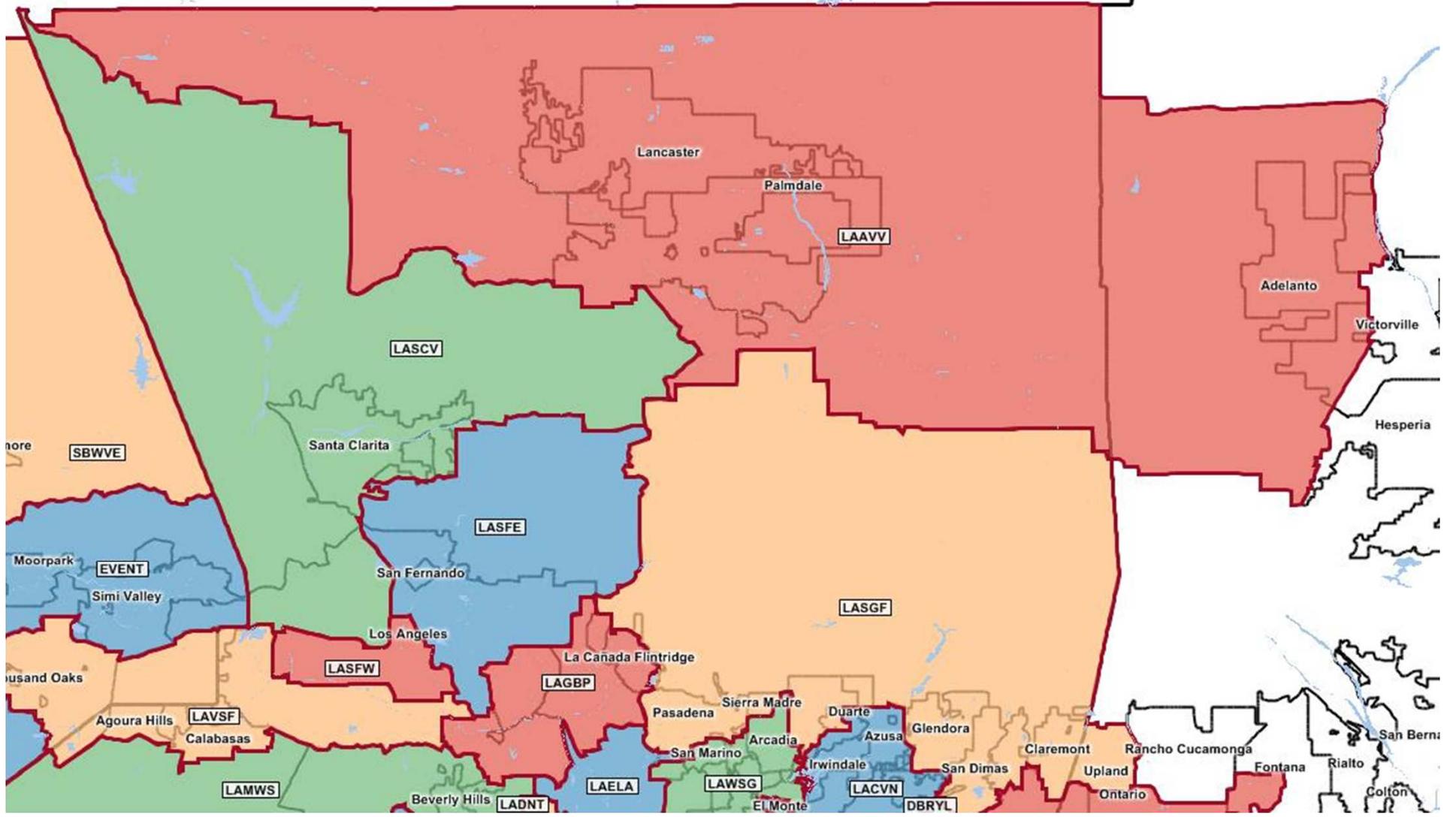
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Highlighted Changes to State Assembly Plan

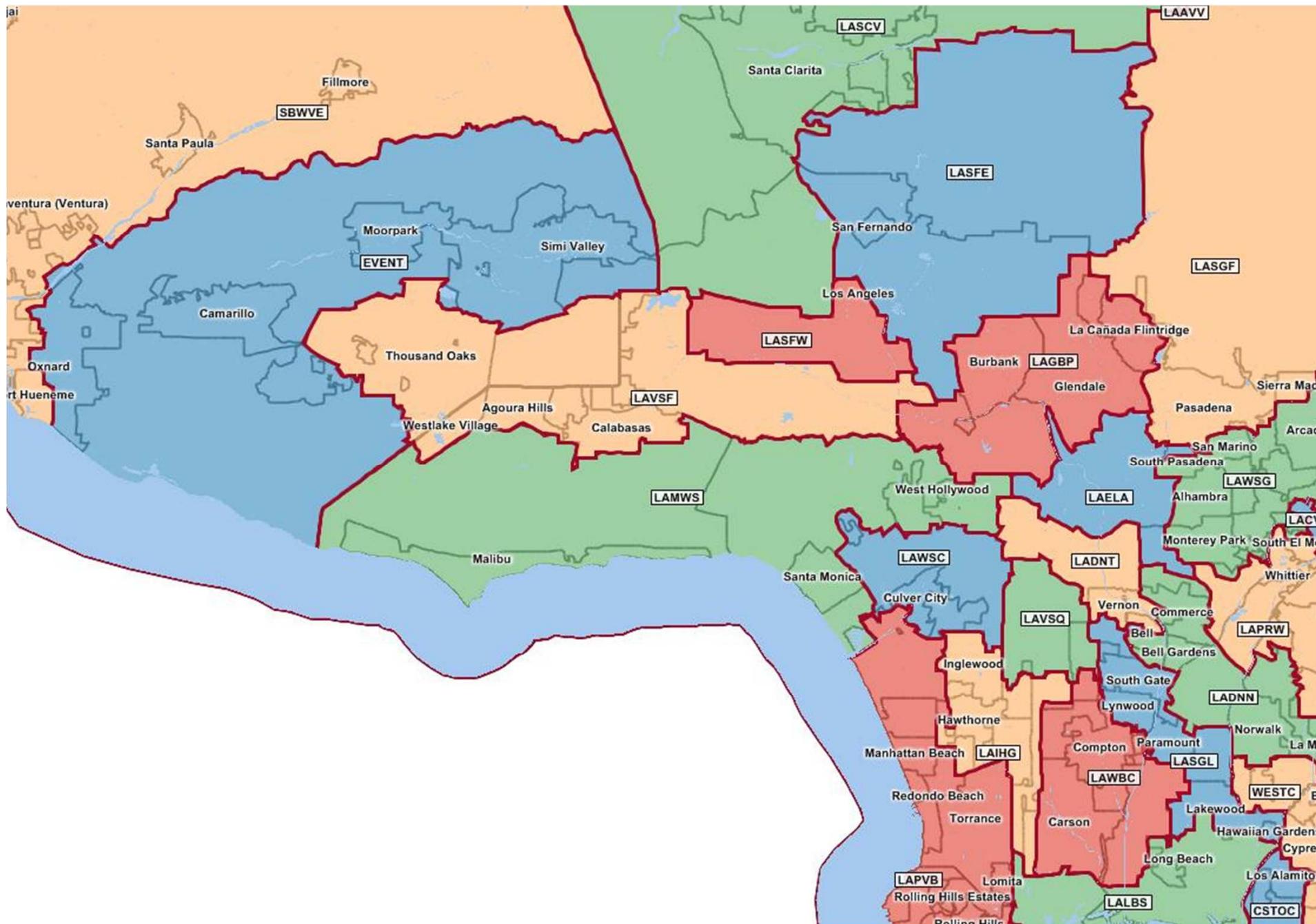
1. Pasadena would be removed from LAGBP and reunited with the Foothills and Altadena in LASGF.
2. Long Beach and LA ports would be united in the same district; Long Beach, Wilmington, and San Pedro would be grouped together.
3. Rancho Cucamonga would no longer be split up.
4. Hacienda Heights would be removed from LACVN.
5. La Canada Flintridge and La Crescenta-Montrose would be united with Glendale and Burbank in LAGBP.
6. Eagle Rock would now be where it belongs in Northeast LA.
7. LADNT would include Vernon and Maywood.
8. North Long Beach would be united with Compton and Carson.
9. Inglewood seat would keep a significant community of interest together by stretching East across the 110 freeway.
10. It is worth noting that this arrangement would pay more respect to neighborhood council boundaries in Los Angeles.

YP4BG- Region IV Assembly Detail 1

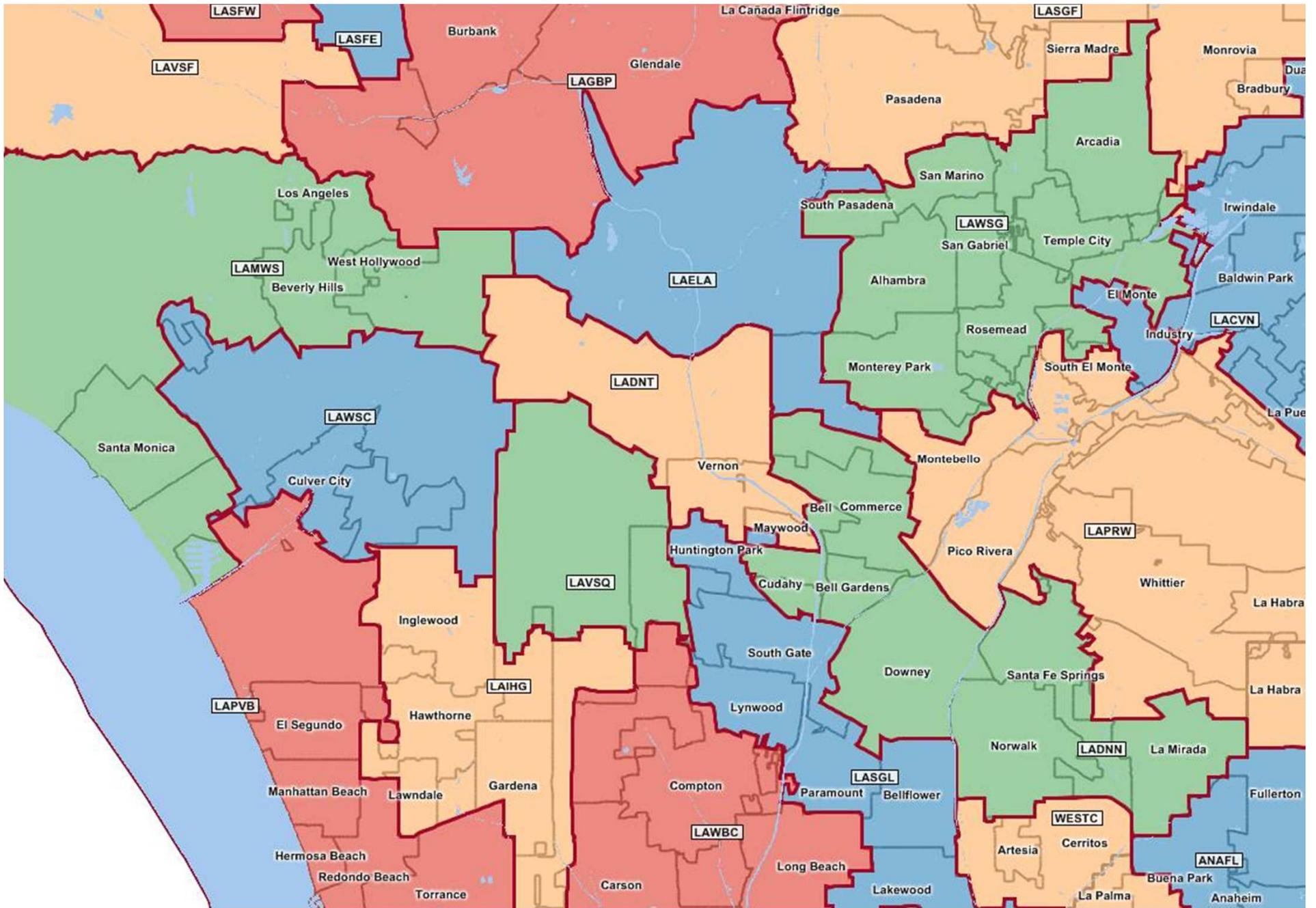
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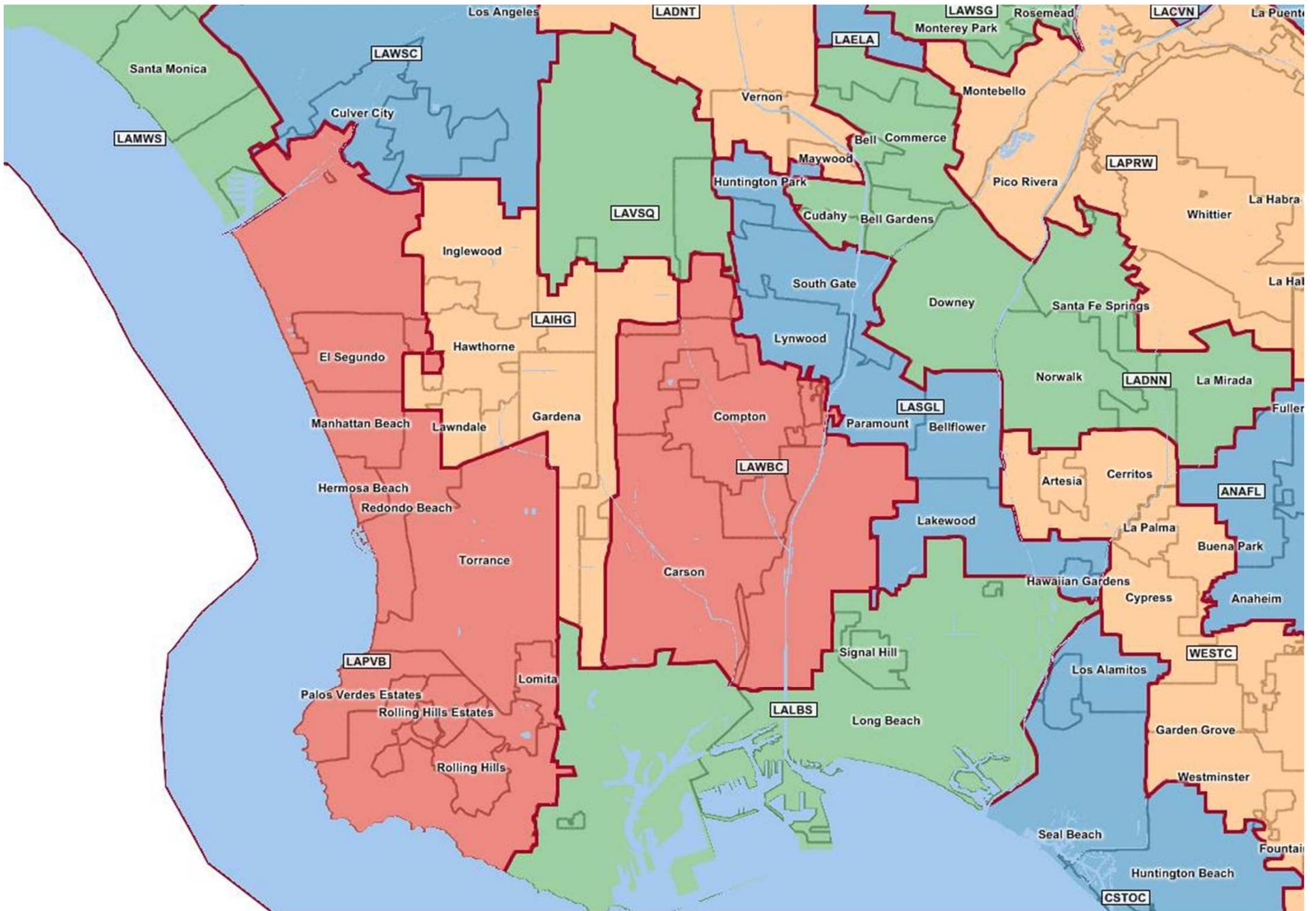
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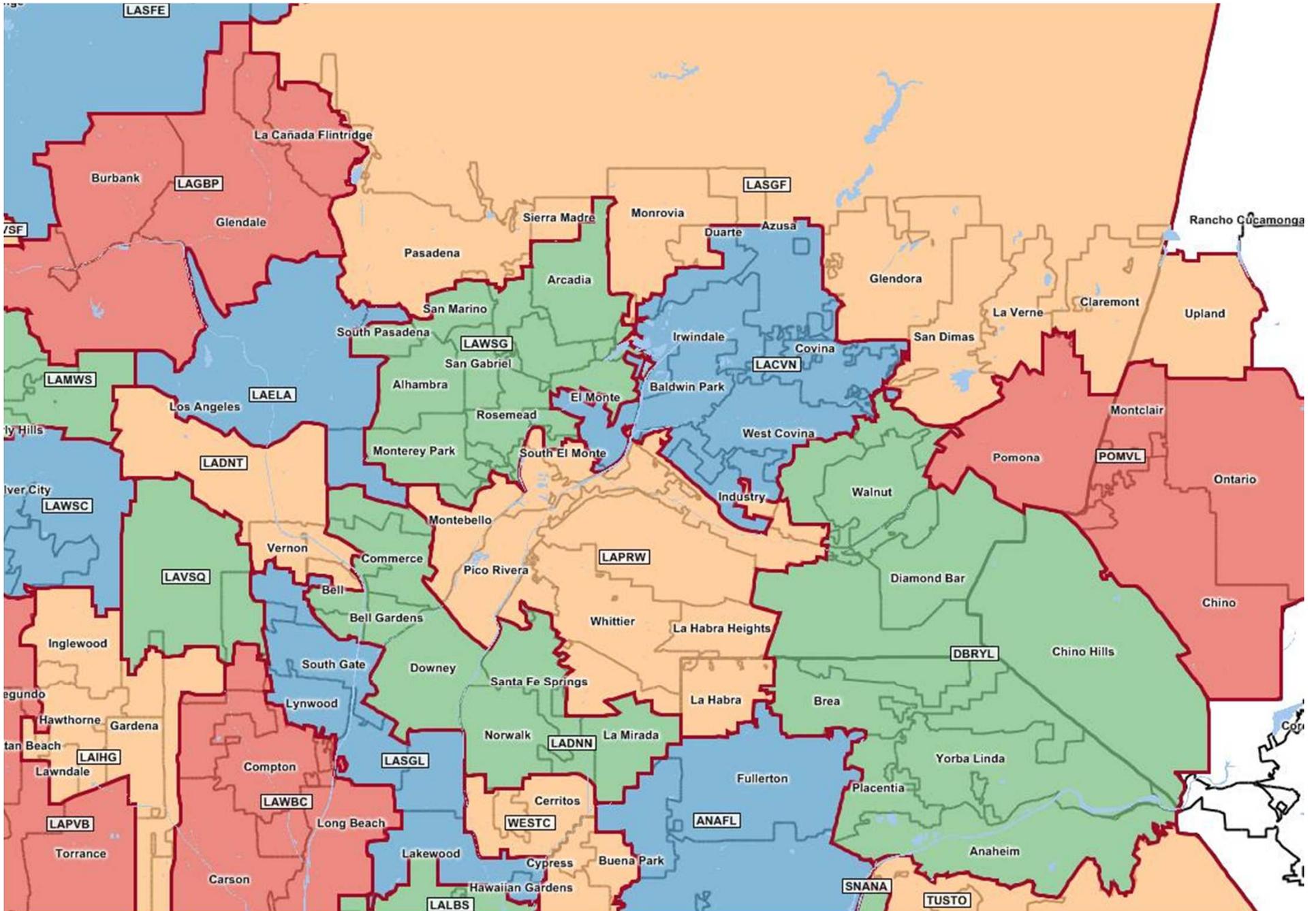
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YP4BG- Region IV Assembly- Detail 5



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Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Roadmap: LA County-State Senate Plan

When drawing districts, please consider:

Communities before Counties

- Conejo Valley (Ventura and LA Counties)
- Long Beach connected with Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor (LA and Orange County)

Uniting Valley Communities

- San Fernando, Conejo, San Gabriel Valleys

Using Mountains as Boundaries

- Santa Monica Mountains and Foothills
- High Desert/Antelope Valley (Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch)

Grouping communities with Similar Environmental Concerns Together

- Beaches (Malibu extending to Hermosa Beach)
- Ports (Both LA and LB such as tackling clean ports and air quality)

Protecting South LA

- Crenshaw District, USC (surrounding), Watts, Florence-Firestone
- Inglewood, Hawthorne, Paramount, Compton, Carson, CSUDH (surrounding)

Respecting Linguistic Communities

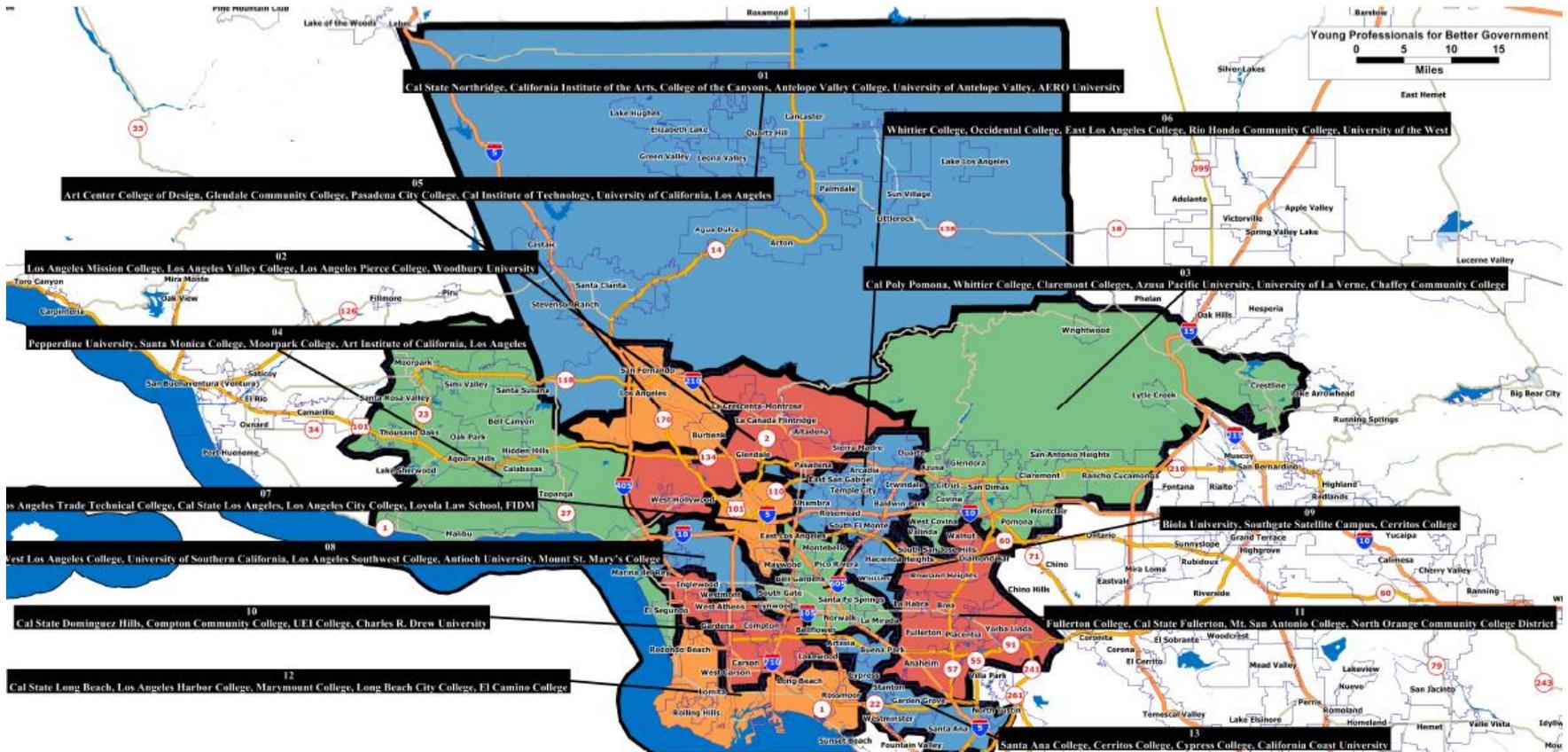
- Artesia/Cerritos down through Santa Ana, large ESL population
- San Gabriel Valley, large ESL population

Identifying and acknowledging key industries

- Ports (Long Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington)
- Film and TV (Burbank)

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State Senate Plan
May 2011



Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Victor S. LoCicero" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:33:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Victor S. LoCicero <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Proposed 36th Congressional District

Message Body:

I thank the Commission for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Victor S. LoCicero and I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes.

I have reviewed the preliminary district maps issued by the commission on the Commission's website for the Palos Verdes Est-Beach Cities. I find much of the proposed districts to be acceptable, however I do respectfully request the Commission modify the maps per my recommendations that follow. My proposed modifications affect all three districts.

Others and I were very pleased with the preliminary edition of the 36th congressional district (CD) available on the website, June 2, 2011. It was almost a carbon copy of what many of us proposed and placed on the Commissions website prior to that date. However, between June 2nd and the June 10th preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36th CD. Specifically, several key cities of our community were removed from our proposed congressional district, namely Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox, Wilmington and a portion of San Pedro. These cities were replaced with Venice, Santa Monica, Harbor City and a portion of Harbor Gateway.

Please understand, Venice and Santa Monica are not a part of our Southbay community while the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much a part of our Southbay community. In fact, the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the Southbay." Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are cities on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the Southbay. Most of us seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica and we certainly do not work, shop or recreate in these cities. Further, folks from Venice and Santa Monica likewise testified at hearings that they are not part of the Southbay and wish to be removed from the proposed 36th CD.

To the contrary, many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work at Southbay small businesses and are employed by our aerospace industry. Further, many of us residing in the peninsula cities have friends and relatives residing in these cities as well as own and operate businesses in these cities. The cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much "communities of interest" to us.

I respectfully request the Commission include Lawndale and Hawthorne in the final 36th CD and eliminate Venice and Santa Monica from it. From the viewpoint of population, it is practically a one for one swap. Venice and Santa Monica have a combined population of approximately 129,000 and Hawthorne and Lawndale have a combined population of approximately 118,000. To accommodate the difference, I suggest the Commission consider adding the section of Harbor Gateway south of the 405 Freeway and north of Sepulveda to the section of Harbor Gateway already included. This adds approximately 6,000 people to the proposed final congressional district, thus making up most of the loss from the desired swap. Additionally, I strongly recommend all of San Pedro be included in our CD as well as Lennox and Gardena west of Western Ave. This yields a population of approximately 704,000, the required number of people for a congressional district in accordance with the 2010 census data.

Regarding the Assembly District, I request the elimination of Westchester and Marina Del Rey from the Commission's preliminary map and the addition of Lawndale and the section of Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd. This is practically a one-for-one swap in population numbers. This permits the city of Lawndale to be in the same assembly and congressional districts and it complies with the Assembly District population requirement of approximately 465,000.

I again thank the Commission for your interest in our community and your conscientious work in our behalf.

Victor S. LoCicero

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Claudia Hasenhuttl <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:58:01 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Claudia Hasenhuttl <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Monica Districts

Message Body:

Please consider revisiting Senate District LASCV and nest the Santa Monica Assembly districts within a Senate District renoted as "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-West Side". Connecting it to Santa Clarita could have serious reprecussions

for the future of our leadership that has faithfully represented the needs we hold dear like the environment, land-use, parks, emergency preparedness and response. It would make much more sense uniting the Santa Monica districts with their neighboring communities of interest on the Westside.

Thank you for your service,
Claudia

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: julie henry [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:42:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: julie henry <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Santa Clarita Re-Districting

Message Body:

Message: Commissioners:

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

Thank you.

Julie Henry

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From: Kathy Klocko <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:00:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Klocko <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Congressional District

Message Body:

From reviewing the 1st Draft map, I see that the proposed Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Congressional District takes the south west portion of the Santa Clarita valley and excludes it from the proposed district. The area in question is now proposed to be in the W. San Fernando Valley - Calabasas district. In accordance with the commission's criteria that districts should not try to divide "communities of interest", including the entire Santa Clarita Valley within only one Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization district would seem to be in order.

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From: JEAN COLEMAN <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:58:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: JEAN COLEMAN <[REDACTED]>

Subject: KEEP SANTA CLARITA WHOLE

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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