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From: Ivonne Correa <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:14:38 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Favor de que las decisiones sean justas,favor de tomar en cuenta nuestras preocupaciones,
SOUTH EAST CITIES ES una comunidad unida.

Gracias.Buenas noches.

OLIVIA J. VALENTINE, Esq.

[REDACTED]
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Tel. and Fax: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

To: Citizens' Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Dated: June 22, 2011

Commissioners:

Hawthorne is currently located in the 35th Congressional District (CD). The Preview Map shows that the Commission proposes that Hawthorne remain in that district. I request that you reconsider this districting plan and combine Hawthorne with the 36th CD where it shares a community of interest with the beach cities in that district.

We have shared common social and economic interests with the beach cities of the 36th CD. We are connected to the beach cities. This is where we work, shop, and dine. Residents of Hawthorne patronize the businesses and restaurants in the Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach area as well as make use of the beach as a place of recreation, since it is only 20 minutes from Hawthorne. Hawthorne residents enjoy the movies at the Arclight in El Segundo as well as shop and go to the movies at the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach. Residents of the 36th CD patronize Hawthorne businesses such as COSTCO, South Bay Ford, Staples, and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Like cities in the 36th Congressional District, Hawthorne shares the aerospace industry with the beach cities. SpaceX is located in Hawthorne. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is located in Hawthorne. Hawthorne has its own airport which brings in commerce from all parts of the country. Hawthorne Airport is used by business aircraft which are operated by aerospace and film industry personnel who are doing business in aerospace and entertainment in the 36th CD. When they fly into Hawthorne Airport they frequently stay at Hawthorne hotels such as the Ayres, the Ramada Inn, and Springhill Suites.

Hawthorne also shares north-south arterials Crenshaw Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard, and east-west arterials Marine Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, and El Segundo, which are major business and shopping thoroughfares, with the beach cities of the 36th CD. The residents of the beach cities frequently access the 405 Freeway by using entrances and exits located in Hawthorne. They also commute to downtown Los Angeles by using the 105 Freeway, which is located in Hawthorne, in order to access the 110 Freeway north into the downtown area.

It is clear that Hawthorne shares a community of interest with the beach cities of the 36th CD and I request that Hawthorne be made a part of that district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Olivia J. Valentine

Subject: Modifications of Palos Verdes-Beach Cities Maps

From: "Brenda and David McKinnon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:53:32 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I thank the Commission for providing the various forums that permit me, and all California citizens, to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am David McKinnon and I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, a city in Los Angeles County.

I have reviewed the preliminary district maps issued by the commission on the Commission's website for the Palos Verdes - Beach Cities. I find much of the proposed districts to be acceptable. I believe the Board of Equalization map needs little if any modification. However, I do respectfully request the Commission modify the maps per my recommendations that follow for three proposed districts (congressional, state assembly, and state senate).

I was 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 maps available on June 22nd, a few significant changes were made to the preliminary 36th CD. 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.

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Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are cities on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the Southbay community. Indeed, the folks from **Venice and Santa Monica testified** at hearings that they **are not part of the Southbay** and do not want to be included the proposed 36th CD. Most of us in the South Bay, who seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica (and we certainly do not routinely work, shop or recreate in those cities), agree with those folks.

Many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne either work at Southbay small businesses or are employed by the aerospace industry located in the South Bay. Further, many of us residing in the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities have friends and relatives residing in Lawndale and Hawthorne, and some of us own and

operate businesses in these cities. The cities of **Lawndale and Hawthorne** are very much “**communities of interest**” to us.

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I did not find a detailed Senate District map on your website for the Palos Verdes – Beach Cities. Any comments or suggestions for that map will follow the considerations and logic I used for the proposed 36th CD and the proposed Assembly District.

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

David McKinnon

Input regarding the Pomona Valley Assembly District:

This "draft" is *almost* well-designed for the members in this AD. I am happy that Pomona is included with Chino, Montclair & Ontario, but you continue to neglect the community of Chino Hills, which is 1/2 of the CHINO VALLEY along with Chino.

Chino and Chino Hills share the same School District, same Fire District and are in the same Water District. Chino Hills is definitely a community of interest as residents from Chino, Pomona, Montclair and Ontario shop, attend recreation events, and attend Faith services in Chino Hills. Chino Hills has a State Park that is used by many in Pomona, Ontario, Montclair and of course Chino.

To continue to include Chino Hills with Orange and LA County cities is not complying with the Federal Voting Rights Act that is supposed to ensure that Minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice (Chino Hills has a **29.9% Asian** population and a **29.1% Latino** Population), which would be unrepresented under the current draft.

Remove FONTANA from the current draft and draw **all** of Chino Hills into the Pomona Valley AD, where it rightfully belongs.

Input regarding the Pomona- San Bernardino Senate District:

Similar to my input above, Chino Hills is once again in a Senate District with Orange & LA County cities. You have drawn-in Rialto, Colton & Grand Terrace, which are too far East for there to be any common interests with the **West-End** of San Bernardino County.

Chino Hills should be drawn into this Senate District and the cities to the East should be placed in a Senate district that will provide them a better opportunity to be included in a community of interest and with people that share similar work opportunities, use the same transportation facilities and whom share common goals.

Input regarding the Congressional/ONT draft:

Do **NOT** split-up Chino Hills. ALL of Chino Hills should be in this Congressional District. Cities should not be divided. This "draft", with the exception of the division of Chino Hills, is exactly what we need in the West-End in order to ensure that Minority voters receive an equal opportunity to elect candidates of our choice.
- THANK YOU!!!!

Thank You,

Alvon Blair, III

Subject: A letter to the CRC regarding a suggested change to the West Valley Congressional District.

From: "Abrams Creative" [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:48:57 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Distinguished Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for the City of Los Angeles. Our Commission draws the lines and sets policy for all of LA's 95 Neighborhood Councils, from Sylmar to San Pedro.

I first presented my comments to you at Los Angeles City Hall. As a resident of Tarzana, located in the West San Fernando Valley, I want to thank you for preserving the unity of our great community.

In the past, we were split in half, and you've done an excellent job of understanding the importance of our unification. I would like to ask you to keep things that way in all subsequent drafts you do, and, of course, in your final map.

Secondly, I'd like to speak about the West San Fernando Valley more generally. The neighborhoods should be respected and kept whole to the best of your abilities. I know that in your most recent congressional draft map you split Reseda in half and divided Northridge. This should be corrected as soon as possible.

As drawn in your current draft, half of Reseda and parts of Northridge are situated in the East Valley. It should be kept whole in a West Valley Congressional District, and so should Northridge. I can't stress how important this is. These are important West Valley communities that belong in the West Valley.

If you unify these two communities, I know that you'll have to make up that population elsewhere.

I suggest that the communities of Valley Glen, Van Nuys, and North Hollywood, which are now split up in both the West and East Valley Districts, be unified as whole communities in the East Valley Congressional District.

If you make those population swaps, they should roughly even out. Keeping the West Valley communities whole and completely within the West Valley -- and doing the same for the East Valley -- would really represent well these respective communities of interest.

Additionally, the communities of Studio City and Sherman Oaks are now split also. I respectfully request that you unify those communities as well. For population reasons, it may be necessary to put Sherman Oaks in one Congressional district and Studio City in another, but the key is that each community should be unified.

Finally, I've learned that VICA has put forth a map for your consideration, one that is reflective of many of my same suggestions. I want to extend my support for it, as I believe it does an excellent job of unifying like-Valley communities.

Thank you again for your time and your excellent work on behalf of the people of California. I look forward to seeing the final maps.

Sincerely,

Albert Abrams
President
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

City of Los Angeles

[REDACTED]

President

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Jo Anne Blugrind <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:55:23 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am OPPOSED to the way your redistricting plan would give Chino Hills and representative Gary Miller THE SHORT END OF THE STICK!!! You say your plan would attempt to keep communities whole to maximize their voices in the redrawn districts. That is exactly WHAT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN CHINO HILLS if your redistricting plan is approved!!! Representative Miller's district would LOSE its Orange County cities and be drawn into THE HEAVILY DEMOCRATIC Hispanic and Asian-American district of DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE Judy Chu, THUS FAVORING THE DEMOCRATS IN THAT AREA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REPUBLICANS IN THAT AREA!!! This plan will put the northern part of Chino Hills in a district located ENTIRELY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, despite the fact that Chino Hills IS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY! There is an old saying that goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The way Chino Hills is now represented is JUST FINE and I am respectfully requesting that you LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS.

Thank you for your consideration of this E-Mail.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Blugrind

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kathy Kellar <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:19:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kathy Kellar <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Please keep all of Santa Clarita Valley whole! Do not divide our community up!

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Thank you for submitting Public Comment RE: Ventura County and Region 4 EVENT

From: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:42:27 -0700

To: jimjust [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with the Commission. Comments will be posted as soon as practicable after processing. The Commission reserves the right not to post comments that are inflammatory, offensive or otherwise inappropriate.

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Truly keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole

From: Berta González Barbier <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:42:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission Members,

Is the California Citizens Redistricting Commission creating artificial Hispanic districts? I pose this question because I look at what you the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is proposing for the Newhall area of the Santa Clarita Valley led by Commissioner Gabino Aguirre a board member of MALDEF, and the other so called "immigrants rights" groups. In my opinion, it does not make any sense to carve out Newhall and pair the area instead with the San Fernando Valley. The only justification appears to be in order to artificially create a Hispanic district.

I understood the CRC was created in order to prevent gerrymandering of districts. I have some serious concerns that some of the members of this so called impartial commission are themselves gerrymandering in a "racist" manner to the detriment of legal area residents whether of Hispanic ancestry or not. The residents of Newhall south of Lyons have very few common interests with folks in the San Fernando Valley. Newhall residents share with the rest of the Santa Clarita Valley our only hospital, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, the Castaic Lake Water Agency our only water wholesaler, the William S. Hart Union High School District our only Junior and Senior High School District, the College of the Canyons our only community college. We also share our same interconnecting Public Trails and Open Space Districts, our same Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department to address public safety issues, our same Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire suppression and other emergency services, our same Business Enterprise Zone to attract and retain businesses, The Signal our only local newspaper, and KHTS AM 1220 our only local radio station.

Newhall residents also share our same desire to live in a safe beautiful cleaner better governed and maintained area, with more open space and better public amenities than most City of Los Angeles areas of the San Fernando Valley.

Additionally, residents in the Santa Clarita Valley south of Lyons also use our same parks, attend the same churches, travel the same streets and roads, and shop at the same stores. They eat in the same restaurants, go to the same libraries, and patronize the same barber and beauty shops. Many young families also left the SFV and similar areas because of the poorly performing schools and their desire to enroll their children in our award winning schools here in the SCV.

Many Hispanics just like me moved to Santa Clarita to enjoy a higher quality of life and escape the highly dense areas of the San Fernando Valley and all of its attendant problems of violent crime and gangs, deteriorating neighborhoods, and the obvious neglect by residents and City of Los Angeles elected leaders.

Apparently, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has not looked closely at maps others and I have provided indicating there is a large mountain range separating the Santa Clarita Valley from the San Fernando Valley and Newhall residents live on the SCV side of this mountain range. Our entire valley is cut off from the SFV and greater LA during natural disasters and we are forced by geography to function as one community.

I personally even question whether it is legal to form a specifically Hispanic district and voting block. If qualified candidates of Hispanic ancestry choose to run in ANY district, Americans of Hispanic ancestry and for that matter anyone else, can support them, vote for them, and elect those candidates to office.

I am an American of Hispanic ancestry and prefer to cast my vote for the best person for the job regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual preference, party affiliation, etc. I could mention the names of plenty of Hispanic politicians I would never support, as their views do not reflect my values.

To quote the Daily News Posted: 06/19/2011 01:00:00 AM PDT:

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To read the complete article please see http://www.dailynews.com/ci_18301948

The Newhall area and also the community of Agua Dulce are part of our Santa Clarita Valley, and should be included in any district (s) drawn to keep the Santa Clarita Valley whole. To do otherwise violates the very reason the Citizens Redistricting Commission was approved by the VOTERS to keep communities of interest whole, respect geographic barriers such as mountain ranges, and allow for equal and fair representation.

Unfortunately, some of the decisions apparently coming from you the Citizens Redistricting Commission appear to be illegal gerrymandering to me.

Please prove me wrong and do what is right for my community, the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sincerely,

Berta González-Harper

Subject: South El Monte Apartheid

From: John <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 14:53:15 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I believe it is a gross injustice, to separate my city by having one side represented by someone different than on the other side of town.
South El Monte shares similar type of citizens with Baldwin Park, La Puente, Irwindale, and Monrovia.
It does not have much in common w/ Rosemead, Temple City, or Monterey Park.
thanks
John

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:28:56 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of the city of Thousand Oaks (91320) and am strongly opposed to the current redistricting lines as they are drawn. It is incomprehensible to think that it would be beneficial to cut the city of Thousand Oaks in half. It also does not seem like a good idea to place parts of Ventura County, such as Thousand Oaks, into the same district that supports peices of LA county (San Fernando Valley, for example).

I strongly urge you to reconsider the way that Thousand Oaks is currently split into two districts and hope that you will make the city whole and make it part of the district that is part of Ventura County as a whole.

Thank you,

Aaron Kitzman

Subject: Redistricting South Bay districts

From: Carol Cohen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:14:57 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I feel that the Hollyglen and Del Aire neighborhoods of Hawthorne that are west of the 405 freeway should be included in the districts to the west that include Palos Verdes Estates and the Beach Cities. Economically and demographically, these neighborhoods are very similar to the beach cities and have nothing in common with areas to the east of the freeway. I feel that these neighborhoods have no current representation because the elected officials only pay attention to the east side of their districts, if they pay attention to anything at all. Additionally, these neighborhoods share a school district with the city of El Segundo which is in the PVE/Beach Cities district. I feel the neighborhoods would have much better representation if we were included in the districts to the west and the 405 freeway were used as a natural dividing line. If the goal is to combine districts that respect demographics and communities of interest, we are much more aligned with our neighbors to the west. If you feel you cannot split a city, then include all of Hawthorne in the 36th, 28th and 53rd districts as it has little in common with areas to the east. Thank you

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

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Madeline M.

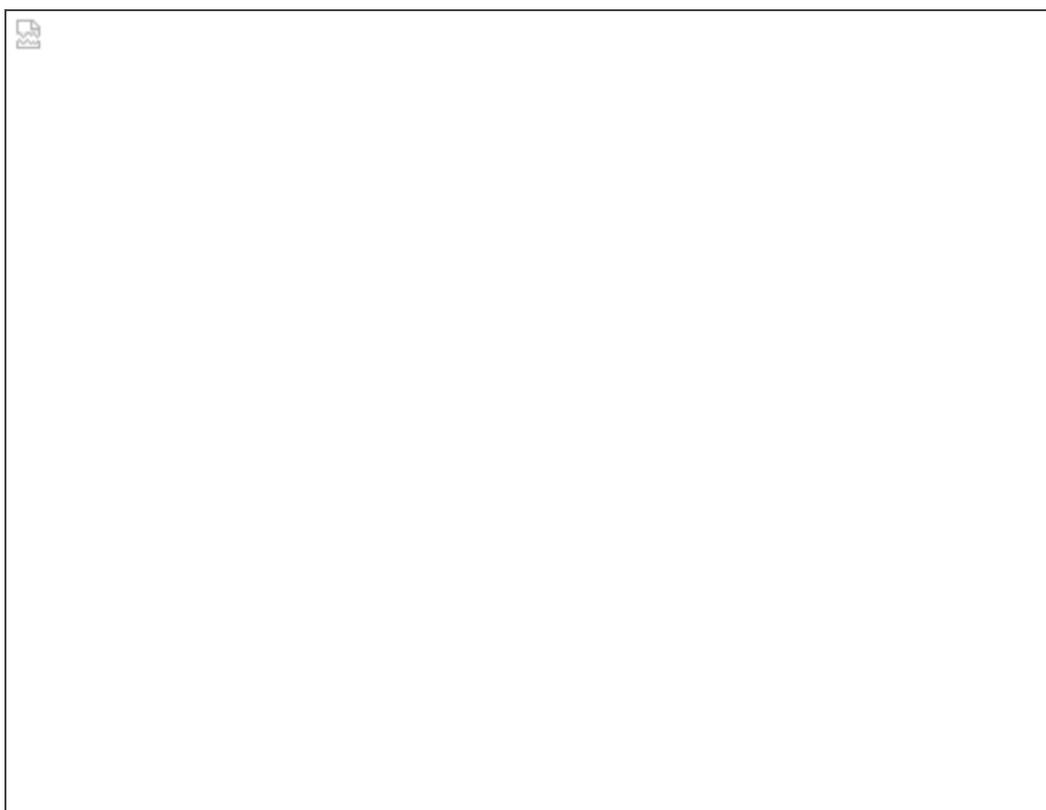
Subject: Public Comment-Tomi Lyn Bowling

From: Tomi Bowling <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:00:17 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

The map below constitutes the ONLY logical district. These communities all have something in common. The boundaries are not zig zagged and dog legged here and there but a contiguous connection from all of these boundaries. It is critically important that all Foothill Communities that share a connection to the San Gabriel Mountains be in the same district. Critically important. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Tomi Lyn Bowling

Tomi Lyn Bowling
20 years sales experience
Certified Short Sale
& Foreclosure Resource Specialist



Subject: Redistricting the Crescenta Valley

From: "Landoll Adam" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:18:10 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Thank you for your hard work on setting up new districts for our state. I am most familiar with the Crescenta Valley which stretches along Foothill Blvd. For years our area has been carved up real funny. with multiple assemblymen, senators representing portions of our valley. I like having us all in one area whether our street is north of something or east of something else. This has affected us at all levels of government.

Since you are starting over from scratch my wife and I would like to see Tujunga and Sunland be part of the same area. We share a lot of issues in common. There's even a organization that brings all the Foothill communities together because of common concerns. Foothill is an important link for all of us. The mountains separate us from a lot of other communities and that makes our valley all the more connected.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts. And thank you all for putting in all this time for us.
Adam Landoll

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Gail Adams <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:53:47 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Gail Adams <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pasadena Hub Area and the Foothills

Message Body:

The connection between Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, San Marino, Arcadia, and South Pasadena, is forged by common shopping, entertainment, education, transportation, and emergency services. We all live in the shadow of the San Gabriel Mountains, where we often go for recreation and exercise. All too often, we are impacted when the mountains burn, in what is a natural (or human-induced) fire cycle. Pasadena is the heart of this community, and to tear it in half to create an Asian gerrymander-shaped district is an irresponsible act. We are all Americans, and I don't refuse to vote for anyone because of his or her ethnicity. If you say that they have problems that are peculiar to them, well so do those of us in the Pasadena hub area. Creating districts by reference to ethnicity sounds very racist to me. I thought that we had gotten away from that.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Abby Diamond <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:40:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Abby Diamond <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Foothills Community District

Message Body:

I live in Tujunga, and I strongly believe that we should be in the same district as Kagel Canyon and Lake View Terrace to the west, La Crescenta and La Canada to the east, Burbank and Glendale to the south. Our communities share the same traffic and commercial corridor - I-210, equestrian properties, open space, as well as the fact that many work in, and we shop in nearby Glendale and Burbank. This would be an ideal district.

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From: Berta González-Harper <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:17:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Truly Keeping Santa Clarita Valley Whole

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To read the complete article please see http://www.dailynews.com/ci_18301948

The Newhall area and also the community of Agua Dulce are part of our Santa Clarita Valley, and should be included in any district (s) drawn to keep the Santa Clarita Valley whole. To do otherwise violates the very reason the Citizens Redistricting Commission was approved by the VOTERS to keep communities of interest whole, respect geographic barriers such as mountain ranges, and allow for equal and fair representation.

Unfortunately, some of the decisions apparently coming from you the Citizens Redistricting Commission appear to be illegal gerrymandering to me.

Please prove me wrong and do what is right for my community, the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sincerely,
Berta González-Harper

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:00:59 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

As a Santa Monica voter I strongly oppose the redistricting measure. Adding a spurious piece of the Valley onto our district is clearly against our interests. Please do whatever it takes to stop this egregious gerrymandering. Thanks, Mike Waterhouse.

[REDACTED]
Santa Monica
CA. 90405

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Charlene Voss <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:43:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Charlene Voss <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita whole

Message Body:

Keep Santa Clarita whole.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Cynthia Hazard <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:56:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cynthia Hazard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of part of City of Santa Clarita

Message Body:

The people of Santa Clarita developed a separate city (City of Santa Clarita) to unify,empower, and focus on the specific needs of our valley. This action displays to the people of our valley an attempt to divide and conquer our efforts and hard work in creating our city. The City of Santa Clarita is geographically a completely separate valley from the San Fernando Valley. We the people have all worked in unison to organize,and develop our city to what it is today. This would truly be a slap in the face. I disapprove of this decision. Please reconsider these bounderies for the sake of the hard working people our city. Don't be the pin to pop our dreams for the future of our city. Cindy Hazard

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Edward Gladbach <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:42:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Edward Gladbach <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Intact

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I have lived in the Santa Clarita Valley since 1968 and have been active in the community, I strongly urge you not to split this great community into two Congressional Districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope-Santa Clarita Valley Congressional District.

Thank You for your Consideration in the matter, which is very important to me.

Edward G. "Jerry" Gladbach

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: CHRISTINA POLINO <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:08:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: CHRISTINA POLINO <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SIMI VALLEY/MOORPARK REDISTRICTING

Message Body:

I believe you are doing serious harm to the voters of Simi Valley and Moorpark by taking us out of Ventura County and, instead, placing us within the Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita District.

You are not respecting city and county boundaries or considering the natural communities of interest.

We are separated by mountains from Los Angeles County. Our taxes go to Ventura County for roads, improvements, schools and quality of life. How can a representative who is largely responsible for Los Angeles County voters give equal representation to a small number of voters in Ventura County. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed congressional district and keep Simi Valley and Moorpark within a Ventura County District."

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Edward Gladbach <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:57:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Edward Gladbach <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support nesting like areas and changing the 1st draft maps

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

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 the communities together, in line with communities of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, I urge you to 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 be better represented. Historically, for over 30 years, these areas have been connected in a Senate seat.

Connecting each of 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 for your consideration in this important matter.

Edward G. "Jerry" Gladbach

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Patricia A. Starr" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:53:49 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia A. Starr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Palos Verdes Est.-Beach Cities Districts

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in drawing the lines for our community. I am Patricia Starr and I am a resident of Rolling Hills Estates.

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 below. 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 final release of 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 Lawndale and Hawthorne as well as own and operate businesses in these cities. The cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much "communities of interest" to us and are important cities in our Southbay community.

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 (AD), I request Westchester and Marina Del Rey be eliminated from the final AD map and Lawndale and the section of Del Aire south of El Segundo Blvd. be added. 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 AD population requirement of approximately 465,000.

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

Patricia A. Starr

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: John Stratton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:12:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Stratton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Good job

Message Body:

I have just reviewed the proposed map and they all look good to me. If the pols are upset then you have done a good job.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Deborah Moorehead <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:36:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Deborah Moorehead <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley 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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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Reginald E. Fear" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:38:33 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Reginald E. Fear <[REDACTED]>

Subject: District Lines

Message Body:

Keep Santa Clarita whole, that is, keep it all in one district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Evelyn Taibi-Richards <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:44:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Evelyn Taibi-Richards <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita

Message Body:

Please make sure to leave all of Santa Clarita in the same district. It doesn't make any sense to split it up.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alyssa Alderman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:00:28 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alyssa Alderman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I support nesting like areas and changing the 1st draft maps.

Message Body:

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Glen Dake <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:46:15 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Glen Dake <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Silver Lake and both Hollywoods

Message Body:

Placing the neighborhoods of Hollywood, Silver Lake, and North Hollywood in one assembly district would improve the ability of these Californians to access the legislature. California's entertainment industry is concentrated there, and I've participated in much activism around Griffith park where we addressed the State.

Thanks for serving!
Glen Dake from Silver Lake

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:38:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mildred Hubert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

Please leave the Santa Clarita Valley whole especially in the Senate. The Assembly if OK but Agua Dulce really belong to SCV.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alyssa Alderman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:58:37 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alyssa Alderman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you.

Alyssa Alderman

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Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:38:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

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Region 4: Los Angeles



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CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Pasadena, California 91125

JUN 22 2011

Jean-Lou Chameau
President

June 17, 2011

Citizen Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), I would like to endorse Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's attached "amended" letter to the Commission (June 16, 2011) and to amplify on one specific reference that he made in that correspondence.

Caltech applauds the Commission for its hard work in grappling with competing interests. The Commission has made a strong effort to preserve the longstanding connectedness of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank in its proposed San Gabriel Mountains Foothill congressional district. It is our hope that you will take the additional steps outlined by Mayor Bogaard.

Virtually all of our employees work at two sites, our academic campus and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which has been an integral part of Caltech for 75 years and has also been a Federally Funded Research and Development Center managed by Caltech for NASA for more than 50 years. On campus and at JPL, Caltech employs nearly 9,000 Californians. That makes Caltech the 16th largest private employer in Los Angeles County, which as you know is among the top 20 economies in the world when compared to nations. One-fourth of Caltech's faculty members collaborate on joint research activities, and many serve on JPL advisory and working groups.

Caltech and JPL are inseparable parts of a synergistic enterprise that is vital to the region's economic competitiveness and the nation's science educational and R&D interests. To continue to separate congressional representation is an avoidable option, based on the legal breadth of your discretion. We respectfully urge you to give thoughtful consideration to Mayor Bogaard's recommended alternative, and we again thank you for public service.

Sincerely,

Jean-Lou Chameau

c: Mayor Bill Bogaard, City of Pasadena
Dr. Charles Elachi, JPL Director and Vice President, Caltech

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

June 16, 2011

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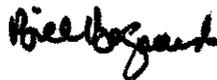
The Commission did good work—and I say this with great appreciation—in keeping Glendale, Burbank and part of Pasadena linked to the other Foothill cities in its state legislative and Congressional districts. In doing so, the Commission has significantly preserved a community of interest that is composed primarily of the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, which was the principal request in my statement to the Commission on April 29. (My statement was confirmed by my letter dated April 29, 2011 and submitted at the hearing to the staff of the Commission.)

However, the tentative boundaries divide the City of Pasadena in the Congressional map between two districts. Preserving Pasadena whole would improve the map, and would be beneficial for the City, its residents, and many important institutions. For example, Caltech is in the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district, while the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a nearby national lab run by Caltech for 50 years, and an employer of 5000 local residents, is in the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district. Caltech and JPL would be best served by being in the same district, since these great research institutions work together to obtain federal resources and remain on the forefront of science and technology.

The Commission has difficult choices to make, and some cities will be split. However, with some small adjustments to the draft maps, *Pasadena can be made whole in a single Congressional district while protecting the communities of interest and Voting Rights Act status that the draft maps provide, while more fully respecting county boundaries.*

Thank you again for this opportunity to present my views of the best interests of the City of Pasadena.

Sincerely,



BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

BB:jls

Region 4: Los Angeles

June 21, 2011

JUN 22 2011

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

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Maps created by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance displayed at the Commission Hearing on June 17 in Whittier provide much better representation than those posted by your Commission, especially for the people of Artesia and Cerritos.

Artesia and Cerritos have a great deal in common both socially and demographically with cities such as Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Lynwood and Bell Gardens (Gateway Cities), and very little in common with the cities within Orange County.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) provides regional leadership, in transportation, housing and air quality to name just a few issues. If more than ¾ of one of the districts is in a different county, the majority of the attention of the elected representatives will be on how policy issues affect that county.

Our message to local elected officials on issues we share with our neighboring cities in Los Angeles County will be fractured if we have different representation in Sacramento and Washington than the other cities in the COG.

It will be much more difficult to have cohesive representation with a representative in Sacramento or Washington DC who is not primarily concerned with our county's needs.

The places we go to shop, to eat and for entertainment are in the Gateway Cities area. We do not travel to Orange County for these kinds of activities on a daily basis.

Proposition 10 contained the following language: "The geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subdivisions." There does not seem to be a compelling reason to split Cerritos and Artesia from the rest of the Gateway Cities and place them in Orange County.

Please consider keeping Gateway Cities together during your drafting of future maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Father "Charlie" Ara, [REDACTED] Cerritos, Ca 90703 [REDACTED]

✓ I also spoke to this issue at your hearing in Whittier at Rio Hondo College.



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June 21, 2011

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Region 4: Los Angeles
JUN 22 2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance maps that were displayed at the Commission Hearing on June 17, 2011, in Whittier, provide much better representation than those posted by your Commission, especially for the people of Artesia and Cerritos.

I have an office in Santa Ana and go to court regularly in Norwalk. I must say that Artesia and Cerritos have a great deal in common both socially and demographically, with cities such as Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Lynwood and Bell Gardens (Gateway Cities), and very little in common with the cities within Orange County.

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Please consider keeping Gateway Cities together during your drafting of future maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Price, Esq.

Region 4: Los Angeles

Kagel Canyon, CA 91342
June 20, 2011

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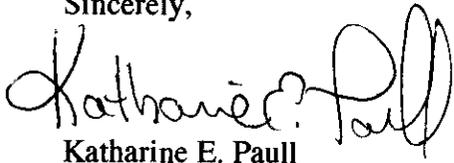
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a change in the proposed redistricting for the communities bordering the San Gabriel Mountains in the San Fernando Valley. The proposed plan lumps my area, Kagel Canyon, and other hillside communities, such as Lake View Terrace and Sunland, Tujunga, and Shadow Hills with areas of the San Fernando Valley to the south. I believe that foothill communities should be combined with Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank.

Recently my community has been part of Brad Sherman's district, stretching south to Sherman Oaks. While I agree with Representative Sherman's politics, I have not found him to be responsive to my letters and issues of concern to my area. His focus seems to be south of us.

I hope that you will take my suggestion into consideration.

Sincerely,


Katharine E. Paull