

Subject: Fwd: ALERT: Redistricting - Your Help Is Urgently Needed - Message from our President

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 10:21:56 -0400

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

This message from our community President is correct, our community has nothing in common with the mid-valley flatland. We don't go there, we don't shop there, our children don't go to school there. I do hope you will reconsider and use our recommendation.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Likes
Shadow Hills, Ca

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, Jun 23, 2011 3:15 pm

Subject: ALERT: Redistricting - Your Help Is Urgently Needed - Message from our President

The new proposed redistricting line map for the State of California has been released. The proposed lines place us together with the mid-valley flatland areas with which we have little in common. They are high density often multi-residential, high-intensity commercial/manufacturing zoned areas. It is extremely important that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission hear from each and every one of us asking that they reconsider the proposed redistricting lines. The maps are still in the review stage and do still change based on Public input.

We would be best off to request the lines to include the areas of Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank. (Remember we are talking State level now, not City - City comes later in the year - that is why we consider La Crescenta, (at least) North Glendale and Burbank as part of our areas of like-interests.)

Using your own words, points to argue for this reconsideration of proposed new district lines might include:

1. The communities of Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon are all located in the foothills of the San Gabriel and/or Verdugo Mountains and share the desire to retain low density housing, to protect environmental, wildlife, trees and flora of our open spaces with their many opportunities for passive recreation including equestrian interests, to protect the Angeles National Forest and Rim of the Valley Trail. The communities of Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge and Montrose are low-density suburban and also located between the mountain ranges of the San Gabriels and Verdugos. Glendale and Burbank have a mix of rural and low-density suburban housing, are located at the base of the Verdugo Mountains and serve as our primary hub of shopping, business and entertainment interests.

2. These communities share the same watershed and have joined together to create natural water retention, purification and ground-water aquifer recharge facilities.

3. The 210 Freeway is the common connecting transportation corridor to these communities.

4. For a district to present few conflicting interests for its elected representatives would make it far easier for them to serve their constituents well. The current version of the redistrict map does reflect serious conflicting interests. The above-mentioned communities share many common bonds and would best reflect a unified mind-set.

5. Two or more of the aforementioned communities have historically partnered frequently to stand up against attacks upon us and our lifestyles.

Public comments may be submitted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission by:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Snail-Mail: Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, California 95814

Fax: [REDACTED]

Elektra Kruger, President
Shadow Hills Prop. Own. Assoc.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: 90049
From: Neal Moritz <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:05:05 -0700
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

As a long time resident and business owner of west los angeles I think it would be a huge mistake to divide the area encompassing the 90049 area code into two different congressional districts.

Respectfully,
Neal Moritz

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 90049

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 18:00:52 -0400 (EDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

We strongly object to the redistricting of Brentwood into 2 segments. Please see that this does not happen.

Thank you'

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[REDACTED]

90049

Subject: District for Zip Code 90049

From: "Teddi Berger" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:03:00 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

My husband and I have lived in Brentwood, California, 90049, since 1984. We are concerned learn that our area might be divided into two Congressional districts and separated from West Los Angeles. There are numerous issues that unite the area under consideration, and we urge you to keep our 90049 zip code representation intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Subject: Concern regarding redistricting of zip code 90049

From: Edith de Guzman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:15:21 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Hi,

I'm writing to express concern over the proposed redistricting of zip code 90049 into two separate districts. Our zip code coincides with existing community planning and management efforts, and we ask that the commission reconsider the proposal and consider keeping 90049 within a single district.

Thanks for your consideration

Edith de Guzman
Los Angeles, 90049

Subject: Brentwood District

From: David Horvitz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:06:14 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Kindly do not divide Brentwood in two.

Dear Commissioners,

I would first like to thank you for the extraordinary amount of time and effort you are putting into making the districts of California fair for voters. My name is Christine Vinqvist and I am lifelong resident of the neighborhood of Westchester, a suburb of Los Angeles just north of LAX. For the last decade Westchester has been divided between three State Assembly Districts, two State Senate Districts, and two Congressional Districts. I am writing to request that the community of Westchester be kept intact and included with the rest of the South Bay.

Westchester is part of the Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council. This Neighborhood Council represents the interests of the residents for the City of Los Angeles. However, when it comes to State and Federal representation, the neighborhood is divided and common issues are lost amongst the various offices.

The socio-demographics of Westchester also align more with that of El Segundo and the Beach Cities than with that of Inglewood and Lennox. As the table below shows, there are stark differences in the socio-economic realities of the communities. To keep such differing communities together denies them their right to fair representation.

Re-districting will allow Westchester to get the representation it deserves. It deserves to be kept together as a whole community and have its interests aligned with those communities that are similar thus giving it fair representation. I respectfully request that the current lines as shown in your initial June drafts are kept.

Sincerely,

Christine Vinqvist
Lifelong Westchester Resident

Inglewood and nearby Communities vs. Westchester	Inglewood	Athens	Hawthorne	Ladera Heights	Westchester	Playa del Rey	El Segundo	Manhattan Beach
Population	112,482	9,101	86,265	6,509	41,500	11,317	15,970	34,039
White	4%	1.22%	13%	19%	52%	73%	78%	86%
Latino	46%	39.7%	44%	3%	17%	10%	10%	5%
Asian	1%	2.9%	8%	3%	10%	8%	7%	6%
Black	46%	54.3%	32%	71%	17%	4%	1%	1%
Household income	\$46,574	\$48,824	\$43,602	\$117,925	\$77,473	\$91,339	\$83,925	\$136,481
College degree	13%	12.5%	13%	53%	42%	59%	41%	68%
Median age	29	27	27	43	35	38	36	37
Single parents	27%	24.5%	27%	10%	15%	7%	13%	7%
Veteran	8%	8%	7%	13%	9%	11%	11%	10%
Foreign born	30%	28%	33%	7%	21%	16%	12%	9%

*Statistics taken from L.A. Times Mapping L.A. project: <http://projects.latimes.com/mapping-la/neighborhoods/>

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Susan B. Haskell" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 19:34:25 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Susan B. Haskell [REDACTED]

Subject: Revising the LASCV State Senate District Map

Message Body:

I live in Pacific Palisades. I strongly believe that the Assembly Districts "West Side-Santa Monica Mountains and "Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains" create a natural template for a State Senate District. These Assembly Districts designated as LAMWS and LAVSF meet the criteria for the creation of a State Senate District, designated as LASCV including, communities of interest, contiguous lines, municipal boundaries and mutual and interconnected services. These Assembly Districts connect Malibu, and the Santa Monica Mountains cities that serve as a gateway to the Santa Monica National Recreation Area on both sides of the hill and are defined by the Santa Mountain Mountains and the Westside. Please consider these factors in the second drafting of this State Senate District.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Barbara Gardner [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 19:32:44 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Barbara Gardner [REDACTED]

Subject: Keep Our South Bay Together!

Message Body:

Please keep the South Bay -- Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Palos Verdes -- together in our state assembly, state senate and congressional districts. We are a very strong community of interest and deserve special consideration."

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Betty and Frank Arenson [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 20:02:33 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Betty and Frank Arenson [REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

we are ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to the way "redistricting" is done. No human influence should be involved but for placing a grid over the state footprint/map get the necessary number of politicians accordingly.

But knowing rationale does not dictate, in the meantime LEAVE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHOLE!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Stephen Kruger [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:58:39 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Stephen Kruger [REDACTED]

Subject: Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Dear 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.

Santa Clarita Valley has unique distinctions from the San Fernando Valley. Newhall was actually the primary area and namesake for many of the first historical settlements and businesses within the Santa Clarita Valley and should not be carved away.

Thank you.

Stephen Kruger

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Subject: Do Not Divide Our 90049 Neighborhood

From: "Gary Avrech" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 01:17:28 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom It May Concern.

I am very concerned about and against any redistricting that will divide our community in the 90049 zip code.

We have a vibrant community that values the diversity of our neighborhood and all of our members rich and poor, black and white, workers, students, veterans, families, retirees, etc.

Thank you.

Gary Avrech

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- Owner, Go Graphics & Printing Co.
- President & Exec. Director, Community Productions, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit
- CEO & Chairman of the Board, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Sent from my BlackBerry

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Karen Chong [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:03:25 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Karen Chong [REDACTED]

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita 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.

Karen Chong

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Lorna Thorner [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:46:58 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Lorna Thorner [REDACTED]

Subject: Newhall

Message Body:

I support keeping the SCV whole. Do not split the city of Santa Clarita into 2 separate congressional districts. Please add the community of Newhall into the Av-SCV congressional district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Wayne Thorner <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:50:04 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Wayne Thorner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Newhall

Message Body:

I SUPPORT KEEPING THE SCV WHOLE. DO NOT SPLIT THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA INTO 2 SEPARATE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. PLEASE ADD THE COMMUNITY OF NEWHALL INTO THE AV-SCV CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Karen Parker [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:23:55 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Karen Parker [REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting Santa Clarita Valley

Message Body:

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

Thank you,

Karen Parker

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Subject: NO DIVIDED BRENTWOOD!!!

From: Naomi Thorpe [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 13:43:49 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

DO NOT DIVIDE BRENTWOOD ZIP CODE 90049 WITH 2 REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE 1 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE SAME CONCERNS AND SHOULD HAVE ONLY 1 REPRESENTATIVE.

Naomi Thorpe

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Opposition to the proposal to divide the 90049 Brentwood neighborhood into two Congressional Districts

From: Sidney Rose [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:51:22 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: Brentwood Park Property Owners Association [REDACTED]

We understand that there is a proposal to divide the Brentwood 90049 area into two separate Congressional districts. As long-time residents of Brentwood, and members of the Brentwood Park Property Owners Assn., we vigorously oppose such division. The Brentwood 90049 area is a cohesive and distinct neighborhood while at the same time including reasonable ethnic, cultural, educational, occupational, economic, religious and political diversity - in short a desirable cross section of the broader westside Los Angeles community; and, therefore, our Brentwood 90049 neighborhood community should not be divided or gerrymandered into separate political districts.

Respectfully,

Sidney R. Rose and Leontine R. Rose

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Nancy J. Hansen" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 20:27:11 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Nancy J. Hansen [REDACTED]

Subject: Keep Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a home owner in the Newhall area of the City of Santa Clarita for the past 23 years. Please keep the entire City of Santa Clarita together when considering new redistricting lines. We have been an established city for many years now, and deserve to be respected and kept together as a whole community within the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Valley congressional district. Thank you.

Nancy J. Hansen

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Norma White [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:18:14 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Norma White [REDACTED]

Subject: California Citizens Redistricting

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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

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Subject: please do not "breakup" brentwood 90049!!! leave it as is - thank you!

From: "Jay Flaherty" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:35:35 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

James F. Flaherty III

[REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judith Demsky [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 21:01:22 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Judith Demsky [REDACTED]

Subject: Support of Mayor McLean's Letter of June 23.

Message Body:

I am in total support of Santa Clarita Mayor McLean's letter to the Commission regarding the Congressional, Assembly and Senate Districts for our area. I am a Newhall resident and want to be in voting districts with my neighbors in the City of Santa Clarita not with people living in the San Fernando Valley and Calabasas miles away. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Dividing

From: Annie Joubran <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 21:03:31 +0000

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the division that may take place in my neighborhood.

I live on cliffwood ave. The VA is very much in my back yard. I do not think it is a good idea to separate into different zones. Staying together and making decisions as one would best serve our community.

Thank you,
Annie Joubran

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ericson Dunstan [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 21:04:53 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Ericson Dunstan [REDACTED]

Subject: Keep the City of Santa Clarita Together

Message Body:

I agree with the districts outlined in Santa Clarita Mayor McLean's June 23rd letter to the Commission. I am a Newhall resident and want to be in the same districts as the rest of the residents in the Santa Clarita Valley. Please do not split our area from the rest of our neighbors. Thank you.

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Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 16:57:12 -0400

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not proceed with the redistricting plan that would divide the Brentwood 90049 community. We have worked effectively over the years through our neighborhood council and with the support of our elected officials. Dividing our community would destroy the unity we have enjoyed and create barriers to attaining common goals.

Thank you so much.

Regards,

Bette Harris

Subject: Redistricting

From: Bill Vogel [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 12:52:54 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

CC: Joan Vogel [REDACTED]

We live in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles and the new redistricting map has our zip code, 90049, split in half. This is not a very sound, nor workable situation for our community. It will SERIOUSLY impact our ability to address community-wide issues, such as use of the large VA hospital grounds. Please review and correct this situation.

Thank you.

Bill and Joan Vogel

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

[REDACTED]

Subject: REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR STUDIO CITY, CA

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 04:02:00 EDT

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Please, I am opposed to the proposed redistricting plans for my community, Studio City. I want to continue to be represented by Howard Berman and have Brad Sherman continue his responsibilities for his district. Do not split Studio City along the Ventura Boulevard community lines. This is unfair, a waste of our dwindling funds for the State, and counter-productive to our communities needs.

Note my name on the list of those opposed. Thank you for recognizing my concern.

Cindy Sanders

[REDACTED]

Studio City, CA 91604

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting of Brentwood

From: Diane Caughey [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 21:04:34 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

I am against dividing the 90049 district of Brentwood into two separate districts. 90049 residents work as a community together with their commercial businesses. Dividing the 90049 Brentwood area will destroy the sense of community there.

Please do not separate our Brentwood community into two.

Thank you,

Dr. Diane Caughey

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting Brentwood

From: Sandy Riskin [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 16:53:58 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

We have lived in Brentwood for 44 years. And, for 44 years, we have watched our Brentwood community grow and flourish. Brentwood residents and their Congressional Representative have always worked well together, addressing the needs and concerns of the area. It makes no sense that our neighbor on the next street, should be in a different district. It makes no sense that Brentwood should have two zip codes. It makes no sense that Brentwood should have two separate Representatives.

WE ARE COMPLETELY AGAINST DIVIDING BRENTWOOD INTO 2 DISTRICTS!

Ira and Sandra Riskin

Subject: Redistricting Brentwood Neighborhood of L A in half.

From: "Scott MacGillivray" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 12:43:18 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Please do not create chaos and a dysfunctional situation by splitting the Los Angeles neighborhood of Brentwood in half.

Thank You

T. SCOTT MACGILLIVRAY, AIA, ARCHITECT, LEED AP

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistrict

From: Jim Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 17:41:12 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

It would be nice to have Downey in one district. BUT not at the cost of it being with Maxine Waters!!!!

Downey as a whole is conservative.

Don't let the liberals take us over.

Being more with the la mirada Artesia and Napolitano is in line with Downey's philosophic base and especially leadership base. Please don't send us down the path of liberalism!!!

Sent from Jim's iPhone

Sent from Jim's iPhone

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Ralph J. Ortolano, Jr." [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 21:11:22 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Ralph J. Ortolano, Jr. [REDACTED]

Subject: Published Maps Deny Public Opportunity to Comment Because of Inappropriate Obscuring Labels

Message Body:

The proposed Congressional, State Senate and Assembly Districts covering Carson, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Lynwood, southern Los Angeles (Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, South Central Los Angeles, Watts, Wilmington), Manhattan Beach, Marina Del Rey, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Torrance, Venice, Westchester and Willowbrook have several similarities that appear to violate the mandates by which the Redistricting Commission must abide.

First, placing a huge "Hawthorne-Gardena-Compton" label that utterly obscures the proposed Congressional lines dividing San Pedro denies the public the reasonable opportunity to conscientiously comment on your first draft of proposed Districts. This is a Due Process violation. There is no logical reason why the Commission could not have published maps with labels over the uninhabited ocean regions of the map with lines to the affected districts that do not obscure important information.

It denies me the ability to comment on proposed Congressional District lines in San Pedro that may or may not track the legally suspect divisions of San Pedro present in the proposed Senate and Assembly maps.

Second, I join in previous public comments that characterize Lawndale and Hawthorne as South Bay communities. In the Commission's first draft of district maps, they have been cut-off into districts focused on the Compton-Gardena region.

Third, I join in previous public comments that Santa Monica and Venice have nothing in common with Palos Verdes and the South Bay other than that they share a geographic position on Santa Monica Bay.

Fourth, I raise a Voting Rights Act concern—raised by other commentators—that these two proposed southern Los Angeles County Congressional Districts, and the Assembly and Senate Districts that appear to be associated with them, appear to create a "ghetto" Congressional district and a rich, "white" beach Congressional district (and associated State Senate and Assembly districts).

This unlawful racial divide seems to be especially apparent in the proposed State Senate and Assembly District division of San Pedro into the more affluent "white/Asian" region and the lower socio-economic "Latino" ghetto region. As noted above, I am unable to comment on the Congressional District because of a large, strategically-placed "Hawthorne-Gardena-Compton" label over San Pedro.

The division of San Pedro, otherwise a singular Community of Interest, is a direct violation of the mandates by which the Commission must abide.

The inclusion of Santa Monica in the Palos Verdes-South Bay Congressional District, and the division of San Pedro into upper-income and lower income Assembly and State Senate Districts appear to evidence an inappropriate and illegal intent to perpetuate community divisions based on racial and income classifications, exactly what was intended to be prevented by the Voting Rights Act.

I ask that the Commission republish its proposed Congressional District maps without inappropriately obscuring labels covering key political dividing lines. I note that the maps of existing Congressional Districts, published in the link to www.nationalatlas.gov, capably displays the district dividing lines without inappropriately-placed labels that deny the public due process by obscuring key information necessary to make an informed comment.

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Subject: Redistricting Brentwood

From: "Linkap@msn.com" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:56:57 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

I do not want to see Brentwood redistricted. Linda kaplan

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Brentwood redistricting

From: "barry greenberg" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:31:51 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Brentwood redistricting proposal is ill advise. This is not a a large community and the way it as been proposed it will split the community into a wealthy home owner district north of San Vicente Blvd and middle-lower class apartment renters south of San Vicente.

It also waters down ay effect and say in matters concerning the Brentwood community and the VA Campus.

Brentwood needs to have one voice and not be divided to cater to the wealthy homeowners living north of San Vicente.

Barry Greenberg

Subject: RE: California Congressional Redistricting
From: "Andrew Mukhey" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 19:05:53 -0700
To: [REDACTED] <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Hello State's Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I live in 90049 Zip Code. I am definitely against dividing 90049 into two voting districts. I would like see the 90049 left as one voting district. Respectfully,
Andrew Mukhey

From: BCC Email Alerts [mailto:bccemailalerts@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.ccsend.com] **On Behalf Of** BCC Email Alerts
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 12:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: California Congressional Redistricting

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BRENTWOOD Community Council Email Alerts

California Congressional Redistricting

To Brentwood 90049 Residents:

The Congressional Districts in California are being redrawn by the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission. The first draft has **DIVIDED** Brentwood in half at San Vicente. It has relocated the area from Granville and Sunset east to the 405 and Sunset south to Wilshire. This gives our community two U.S. Congressional Districts. It places our neighbor, the WLA VA in another representatives district. The VA is a large part of our community concerns.

This would not be a good idea to divide our zip code with two separate Representatives. We work as a community. 90049 should stay as one.

Please see the information below, email your concerns to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov and be an active participant in this citizen chosen redistricting. The deadline for your comments is June 28th. If the commission does not hear from our area, it will be assumed we approve of the division. **Act** now and ask others to do the same!

Thank you,
Brentwood Community Council



[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Subject: Redistricting in zip code 90049

From: Josh Stephens [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 13:20:57 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Greetings,

The neighborhood of Brentwood and the zip code 90049 is one of the most cohesive parts of Los Angeles. It should not be split up if at all possible.

Thank you.

-Josh Stephens

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: reconsider the proposed redistricting lines
From: Arthur Drucker [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 19:35:45 -0700 (PDT)
To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

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

To Whom It May Concern,

The new proposed redistricting map for the State of California has placed Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank. with the mid-valley flatland areas with which we have little in common. Flatland areas include high density, multi-residential, and commercial/manufacturing zones.

Please reconsider the proposed redistricting lines for the following reasons:

We share the desire to retain low density housing, to protect the wildlife, and flora of our open spaces.

The communities of Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge and Montrose are all low-density suburban and located between the mountain ranges of the San Gabriels and Verdugos. Glendale and Burbank have a mix of rural and low-density suburban housing, are located at the base of the Verdugo Mountains and serve as our primary hub of shopping, business and entertainment interests.

These communities share the same watershed and have joined together to create natural water retention, purification and ground-water aquifer recharge facilities, and fight high density development.

The 210 Freeway is the common connecting transportation corridor to these communities.

Thank you,
Marsh Drucker

[REDACTED]

Sunland, CA 91040

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: George L Bennetts [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 03:39:53 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: George L Bennetts [REDACTED]

Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

Message Body:

Commissioners:

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

Thank you.

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Subject: Published Maps Deny Public Opportunity to Comment Because of Inappropriately Placed Labels

From: Ortolano [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:14:30 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

CC: Ralph Ortolano [REDACTED]

Dear California Redistricting Commission:

The proposed Congressional, State Senate and Assembly Districts covering Carson, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Lynwood, southern Los Angeles (Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, South Central Los Angeles, Watts, Wilmington), Manhattan Beach, Marina Del Rey, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Torrance, Venice, Westchester and Willowbrook have several similarities that appear to violate the mandates by which the Redistricting Commission must abide.

First, placing a huge "Hawthorne-Gardena-Compton" label that utterly obscures the proposed Congressional lines dividing San Pedro denies the public the reasonable opportunity to conscientiously comment on your first draft of proposed Districts. This is a Due Process violation. There is no logical reason why the Commission could not have published maps with labels over the uninhabited ocean regions of the map with lines to the affected districts that do not obscure important information.

It denies me the ability to comment on proposed Congressional District lines in San Pedro that may or may not track the legally suspect divisions of San Pedro present in the proposed Senate and Assembly maps.

Second, I join in previous public comments that characterize Lawndale and Hawthorne as South Bay communities. In the Commission's first draft of district maps, they have been cut-off into districts focused on the Compton-Gardena region.

Third, I join in previous public comments that Santa Monica and Venice have nothing in common with Palos Verdes and the South Bay other than that they share a geographic position on Santa Monica Bay.

Fourth, I raise a Voting Rights Act concern—raised by other commentators—that these two proposed southern Los Angeles County Congressional Districts, and the Assembly and Senate Districts that appear to be associated with them, appear to create a "ghetto" Congressional district and a rich, "white" beach Congressional district (and associated State Senate and Assembly districts).

This unlawful racial divide seems to be especially apparent in the proposed State Senate and Assembly District division of San Pedro into the more affluent "white/Asian" region and the lower socio-economic "Latino" ghetto region. As noted above, I am unable to comment on the Congressional District because of a large, strategically-placed "Hawthorne-Gardena-Compton" label over San Pedro.

The division of San Pedro, otherwise a singular Community of Interest, is a direct violation of the mandates by which the Commission must abide.

The inclusion of Santa Monica in the Palos Verdes-South Bay Congressional District, and the division of San Pedro into upper-income and lower income Assembly and State Senate Districts appear to evidence an inappropriate and illegal intent to perpetuate community divisions based on racial and income classifications, exactly what was intended to be prevented by the Voting Rights Act.

I ask that the Commission republish its proposed Congressional District maps without inappropriately obscuring labels covering key political dividing lines. I note that the maps of existing Congressional Districts, published in the link to www.nationalatlas.gov, capably displays the district dividing lines without inappropriately-placed labels that deny the public due process by obscuring key information necessary to make an informed comment.

Respectfully,

Ralph J. Ortolano, Jr.

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Craig Ward [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2011 00:06:42 +0000

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

From: Craig Ward [REDACTED]

Subject: Excellent Job!

Message Body:

I've read the reports about the draft maps in newspapers from Los Angeles and Torrance and listened to reports on radio and watched some on TV. It looks to me like you've done an admirable job. Hold your ground and do not let the special, narrow interest politicians intimidate you. Elected officials that feel less secure are sure to cry wolf and use whatever means they can to derail your efforts.

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Lynne Rosenberg [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 15:09:25 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Brentwood is a small, compact community and should not be divided. Such an occurrence would greatly impact issues that directly affect our community!

Brentwood residents stand as one; PLEASE do not divide us. The proximity of the VA directly affects Brentwood residents and businesses and to put the VA and a small amount of residents in a separate district makes no sense.

I would be one of the residents who would be affected and I'd be very upset to see such a change. I have lived in a private residence in Brentwood for 18 years.

PLEASE keep us as one tight community, striving for the same goals.

Thank you!

Lynne W. Rosenberg

[REDACTED]

Subject: redistricting

From: "Cathy" [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 17:30:39 -0700

To: <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

We believe that our zip code should remain with one Representative due to the fact that we work together as a community. Please reconsider redrawing our district.

Thank you,

Cathy and Frank Catapano

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

[REDACTED]



TOPANGA TOWN COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1085
Topanga, CA 90290

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Topanga Town Council urges the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep our town of 10,000 residents connected with the communities that touch its boundaries on all sides. We encourage the Redistricting Commission to allow Topanga to continue to enjoy the fruits of the current and past districting plans that have been in place since 1991 & 2000 respectively, which allow our town to be completely and firmly planted in the surrounding communities. This will continue to ensure stability in shared projects and programs effecting our lifestyle, environment, livelihood, safety, education, growth and spirit.

We commend your efforts on the boundary proposal of the two assembly districts as "West Side-Santa Monica" and "Thousand Oaks-Santa Monica Mountains". These two districts together encompass true communities of interest. However, the Senate district "LASCV", as proposed, ignores the same common goals and united front. It virtually extends NO COMMON RELATIONSHIP between Santa Clarita and the communities that encompass the Santa Monica Mountains region. The Topanga Town Council feels the current proposed Senate district map is awkward and unmanageable with its inclusion of Santa Clarita, and the exclusion of Santa Monica and the Los Angeles West Side.

We request, with all due respect, that the Commission revisit the Senate District "LASCV" and consider using the Assembly District boundaries as its guide.

Topanga was first settled in 1839 and has always been a unique, historic and isolated wildland community occupying 13,000 acres within the Santa Monica Mountains. However, Topanga does not exist independently. Our neighbors of Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and Woodland Hills have played a significant role in the shaping of Topanga because of our similar interest---the Santa Monica Mountains.

In particular, the emergency issues faced by our mountain neighbors are as intimately intertwined as the natural surroundings. The fires, flooding, mud and rockslides that are part and parcel of this natural environment, don't start or end with a single community. They affect us all and require continued, joint cooperation and preparedness planning. Unlike grid cities where one area can be easily separated from another, the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains area have a closely connected and symbiotic relationship.

For example, the boulder that closed Topanga Canyon Boulevard in the 2005 winter storms, equally affected the commuters from the Las Virgenes and West San Fernando Valleys on their way to school and jobs in the Westside. Frequent emergency closures on PCH impact all of these communities because traffic is diverted through Topanga Canyon, the primary mountain connector between the SFV and the Westside. The 1993 Old Topanga Canyon/Malibu Fire roared through the Santa Monica Mountains to the sea, burning Topanga, and Malibu, and threatening Pacific Palisades and Calabasas. Since then, jointly prepared and pre-rehearsed evacuation and emergency preparedness exercises with our surrounding communities, municipalities, and our first responder agencies have made disaster response more effective and better managed.

On the local front, Topanga has many programs that integrate with surrounding communities:

CERT – The Topanga Certified Emergency Response Team is comprised of local volunteers that work in harmony with Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and West Hills CERT groups, both in cross-training and actual emergency response.

ARSON WATCH – Topanga’s Arson Watch, a Los Angeles County Sheriff’s program, works in tandem with the Calabasas and Malibu Arson Watch organizations during Red Flag and High Fire Hazardous conditions. The Arson Watch surveillance routes cross multiple municipal and jurisdictional boundaries across the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and expand into Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Malibu, and Woodland Hills.

SCHOOLS – Beyond Topanga’s local LAUSD Elementary Charter School, our youth continue their middle school and high school education in Malibu, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, and San Fernando Valley located public school districts. For those pursuing higher education, community colleges in Santa Monica (SMCC), and the San Fernando Valley (Pierce Community College), and public universities including UCLA and California State University in Northridge, all offer advanced education opportunities in proximity to our community and are a distinct community of interest for all students.

ANIMAL RESCUE/LACODACC/ERT– During a wildfire disaster, Topanga’s trained and certified all-volunteer animal rescue groups (e.g. Equine Response Teams, Topanga Animal Rescue) are activated and work in harmony with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control, and rely on SFV and Las Virgenes Valley shelters where animals must be evacuated and/or treated. Pre-rehearsed evacuation plans with animal rescue organizations have been in existence for decades. LACO Agoura Hills Animal Shelter, Pierce College, and other small and large animal emergency centers are essential for the safe evacuation and care of our large and small animals during catastrophic disasters like a wildfire.

SENIORS – Topanga’s local senior organization, the Canyon Sages, has over 100 volunteers and members inside and outside of Topanga Canyon providing critical support to our aging community. Topanga, lacking its own dedicated senior center, relies upon senior programs offered in Santa Monica, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park and Calabasas to help aid and provide activities for our senior population. Access Services, Dial-a-Ride, and a County-sponsored summer Beach Bus, provide essential transportation for these Topanga seniors, a growing population.

T-CEP – Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness is an all-volunteer organization within Topanga that activates its Emergency Operation Center during a disaster. Established in 1994, after the devastating 1993 Old Topanga/Malibu Fire, T-CEP works collaboratively with various County emergency organizations and first responders to prepare, inform and educate residents in Topanga about potential disasters, and provide updated emergency information during a disaster for local and surrounding communities. The T-CEP EOC is self-activating, but works directly with Incident Command to provide vital, verified information to not only Topanga residents, but to surrounding mountain communities and their citizens, as well. In the 1996 Calabasas Fire, the T-CEP EOC Hotline operators received over 16,000 calls requesting status information on the Fire. Many of these calls came from Malibu citizens who did not, at the time, have their own EOC.

DRT – The Disaster Radio Team of Topanga is a group within T-CEP and is part of the Inter Op-22 Group, headquartered at the Los Hills Sheriff’s Station in Calabasas; and consists of the regions of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Oak Park, Westlake Village and Topanga. This alliance of communicators is critical when disasters strike. All government agencies have communication issues in the Santa Monica Mountains and often rely on the verified information collected and distributed by T-CEP and its DRT. During an emergency, the DRT is scheduled to update Topanga’s emergency status with DCS-22 at the bottom of every hour, whereby T-CEP is then able to pass critical information about needs or problems to the government agencies that can address them. And vice-versa. The information received, can be given out to the residents via T-CEP’s website, manned Hotline phone bank, and through T-CEP’s Neighborhood Network teams. The DRT has volunteers from Pacific Palisades, Calabasas, Malibu and Hidden Hills.

TEM TASK FORCE – The Topanga Emergency Management Task Force is, perhaps, the greatest example of ‘communities of interests’ integrating services and programs for the greater good of the mountain community. Authorized by the Los Angeles County Board of Directors to create community-based emergency management and preparedness plans for the unincorporated at-risk community of Topanga, government and community members began meeting in 2003 to develop emergency response strategies. The Topanga Disaster Survival Guide was the first product of this effort. Addressing preparedness and planning issues for all kinds of disasters, it was published by the County and distributed to over 10,000 residents. This Survival Guide is the “bible” by which Topanga prepares, plans, and exercises its community for disasters. An essential component of the Survival Guide is the Topanga Zone Map that divides the Canyon into 9 “tactical zones”, and identifies Community Safety Areas, and Neighborhood Safety Areas within those zones to serve evacuees attempting to escape fire.

Another joint effort was the publication of “A Road Map to Fire Safety”, a collaboration of the TEM Task Force (disaster related public agencies, departments and communities) and the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance to present solutions and resources for property owners and land managers to improve stewardship in the wildland urban interface. This Alliance helps create safer communities and protect the natural areas by involving and educating stakeholders, sharing information, and locating and providing beneficial resources.

Every year since the publication of the Survival Guide (and supporting materials), these evacuation strategies are tested in a Los County Fire Department-coordinated Topanga Emergency Exercise, working in conjunction with the Topanga Community, the LA County Fire Department, Sheriff’s Department, Animal Care & Control, CHP, LAUSD, Los Angeles

OEM, LA City Fire and Police, plus State and National Parks, to prepare, protect and defend Topanga (and surrounding communities) in the event of a wildfire or other major disaster. It is imperative these ongoing relationships continue to practice and collaborate; integrating lessons learned from drills and actual disaster events. The TEM Task Force is mandated to meet within 30 days of any declared disaster to debrief and re-examine the effectiveness of their emergency response strategies. Lives depend upon this continued collaboration.

The Topanga Emergency Management Task Force is co-chaired by LA County OEM (Office of Emergency Management) and T-CEP, Topanga's community, volunteer organization. Appointed members include: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's 3rd District, LA County OEM Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Public Works, LAUSD/Topanga Elementary School, LACDAC ERT, Topanga Town Council, Topanga Animal Rescue, American Red Cross, Arson Watch, CERT, Topanga Coalition of Emergency Preparedness, and Topanga Chamber of Commerce.

PARKS & BEACHES— The communities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake, Malibu, Topanga reside in a unique wildland/urban interface that includes Federal and State parklands and other publically owned open space under the umbrella of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). Topanga itself is completely surrounded by this parkland and offers a connection to surrounding cities via its roads and park trails. Topanga State Park is entirely within the Los Angeles city limits and is considered the world's largest wildland within the boundaries of a major city. The park is bound: on the south by Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, on the west by Topanga Canyon, and on the east by Rustic Canyon.

Topanga State Park offers more than 24 trail entrances---from Topanga, Pacific Palisades, and Encino; and makes up 5% of the area of the City of Los Angeles. A local volunteer organization, the Topanga Canyon Docents offer field trip programs that are free to the public, schools, church and private schools in Simi Valley, San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature in 1980, to form an "interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public. The Conservancy works closely with Topanga and surrounding communities to protect this area for future generations to enjoy.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity established in 1985 pursuant to the Joint Powers Act. The MRCA works in cooperation with the Conservancy and other local government partners (including Topanga Emergency Management Task Force) in part, to participate in vital emergency planning processes, education programs and fire prevention awareness.

The Santa Monica Mountains is well-recognized as a community of interest by business groups who understand that the parks and public spaces, its creeks and beaches, are a major economic engine with over 30 million visitors each year, many of whom are regularly drawn from the nearby regions of the San Fernando Valley and the greater Westside communities. Topanga State Beach is just one area beach that is visited by locals and vacationers alike. Access to this beach is from PCH at Topanga Canyon Blvd (Malibu) and has direct handicap access onto the beach.

On the extended front, surrounding communities offer Topanga residents & businesses essential services and opportunities:

BUSINESS - Art & Entertainment Industry - Topanga's socio-economic traits and employment are in direct alignment with cities like Malibu, Calabasas, Pacific Palisades Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Studio City and Universal City. It is estimated that 60% of Topanga's residents work in the outlying communities. About 40% work in entertainment/art (or related) industries---tying them to areas beyond Topanga .

SHOPPING-ENTERTAINMENT – Given the limited shopping and entertainment opportunities within our town, Topangans rely upon stores in the surrounding communities for their day-to-day existence: groceries, clothes, supplies, services and entertainment. The San Fernando Valley has the most to offer both in variety and economical choices. Santa Monica offers unique products and services for our residents. Many outlining area businesses have one-to-one relationships with Topanga businesses, residents, seniors, low-income residents and our volunteer organizations. The Topanga Chamber of Commerce has spent years building bridges of commerce by offering memberships within and outside the Topanga community.

MEDICAL – With no major medical facility within Topanga, residents must rely upon the medical services outside the canyon: St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, or the valley hospitals of West Hills, Kaiser and Northridge.

TRANSPORTATION – Topanga has no local or mass transit transportation service, which leaves some residents and employees totally dependent on outside area transportation programs. Dial-A-Ride, Access Service and Los Angeles County's Summer Beach Bus, along with the Expo Line, Orange Line and Blue Line are critical to connecting Topanga to the San Fernando Valley, the Westside and beyond. These integrated transportation services are vital to the livelihood and lifestyle of many of our residents, employees and visitors.

Topanga's Hwy 27 serves as an important transportation bridge from the Valley to the West side, serving 15,000 commuters per day.

CRIME & PATROL – The Las Virgenes area is a community of interest spanning the cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Topanga and other nearby unincorporated areas. These cities are all County "contract cities" and are served as a unit by the same Sheriff's Station, Fire Stations and County Services. Topanga is protected and served by the Lost Hills (Calabasas) Sheriff's Department and West Valley (Woodland Hills) CHP. The Topanga Town Council has worked hard to develop and maintain an effective, united working relationship with the Sheriff's Dept. and CHP; all of who agree that Topanga is a difficult community to protect, given our terrain, commuter traffic, and potential disaster situation. The Town Council, with support of these agencies has developed a Topanga Resident Access Card that enables these emergency responders to better assist local residents during a catastrophe.

In conclusion, Topanga's association with its surrounding communities is a harmonious, organic, symbiotic, living relationship whose supportive, collaborative and united effort has for many years, ensured the safety, social and economic programs we commonly share. Keeping us united with our neighboring cities will continue to give us the ability to share our environmental structure, community consciousness, educational commitment and personal lifestyle. The 1991 and 2000 districting plans have proved successful. Our request to the

Citizens Redistricting Committee is to keep it this way.

Respectfully submitted,

The Topanga Town Council

Topanga Association for a Scenic Community

Subject: redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 22:27:40 -0400

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

it is crazy and unfair to split our tiny community and zip code (90049) into 2 districts. We would never be able to voice one opinion on issues that concern all of us. This works against parties on both sides.

Subject: Brentwood division

From: Paty <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 22:36:40 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

Brentwood is a community that runs north from Wilshire blvd to the SM mtns and from the 405 to 26 th Street in SM. It is one community and should remain as such. Please try to keep it in tact.

Patricia Kouba

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Splitting Brentwood into two congressional districts

From: Steve Gilbert [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:29:36 -0700

To: "votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov" <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>

It has been brought to my attention that your esteemed group is discussing the splitting of 90049 into two congressional districts. Also, that the VA property would end up in one of these districts. Since the granting land to the government for the VA and the development of Brentwood these two entities have grown and maintained a very close relationship. I do not believe this split will be to the benefit of the VA and Brentwood. Please review your proposed changes. Thank you very much.

Stephen J Gilbert
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: A Divided Brentwood

From: Estelle Felber <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 17:10:32 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

The Congressional Districts in California are being redrawn by the State's Citizens Redistricting Commission. The first draft has **DIVIDED** Brentwood in half at San Vicente. This gives our community two U.S. Congressional Districts. We interact with Congress and the VA and this would not be a good idea to divide our needs and requests between two separate Representatives. We work as a community. 90049 should stay as one.

Estelle Felber

Subject: keep communities together in the voting process

From: Halikis Maureen <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:58:45 -0700

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

The news that there may be a split in the Brentwood community such that two congressional reps may represent the community district seems to be disregarding identified communities that are called districts in Los Angeles. It would be prudent to keep the congressional lines consistent within already designated communities so as not to disrupt the voice of a community.

Thank you for your consideration of this concern.

Maureen Kris Halikis
Brentwood, Los Angeles

Subject: Brentwood 90049 Redistricting

From: Marcia Wheelon <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 14:35:02 -0700 (PDT)

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

TO : State's Citizens Redistricting Commission

Please let me express my concern with the division of Brentwood 90049 into 2 districts. The representation of Brentwood residents would be diluted with this change. Our community has interests in common and would benefit from a single voice. The portion in the north east (the area from Granville and Sunset east to the 405 and Sunset south to Wilshire) does not share the same concerns as the Bel Air or Westwood communities.

Please reconsider this proposed split.

Thank you

Marcia Wheelon

[REDACTED]
90049

Subject: attn: Calif. Commissioners-----RE: Los Angeles County- CERRITOS REDISTRICTING (90703);
CC: Cerritos City Council/ From Jim McMahon
From: Jim Jim4Home.com <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, 25 Jun 2011 12:29:07 -0700
To: <[REDACTED]>

Attn: Calif Commissioners

RE: Los Angeles County- CERRITOS RE-DISTRICTING (90703)

<http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/>

Submitting the following protest, to fulfill the deadline by 6/28/11 for the statewide redistricting for}

1. Congressional;
2. Legislative;
3. Board of Equalization district maps.

My entire life, (Feds-state-cities-counties), have always tried to create fair and balanced voting districts, & are no closer to winning the battle with this 2011 proposed map. These mapping areas are spread over -2- counties (LA/OC) & only increase confusion to voters, hence keeping voters from voting instead of encouraging voting & spec. Global Voting Power!

Understand the criteria for mapping is based on:

1. National Geographic Environmental Borders;
2. School Districts;
3. Population;
4. Party lines;
5. Compaction for simplicity.

If the newly proposed above -3- districts are formed; all -3- districts will take different mapping directions, hence creating voters confusion for the 65% of Cerritos Immigrant Asian population. (Census 2010).

****Note:** Cerritos consists of an international global fusion, so voting has to be simplified & not complex between -2- counties as proposed!!!!

Urge the commission, to seriously re-evaluate the proposed mapping, in order to create some consistency in borders, and either keep Cerritos part of Los Angeles

County, or make a complete break away from LA County and put Cerritos in to all of Orange County Voting privileges.

Confused Proposed Commission Maps:

--One district, Cerritos is attached to the Greater Long Beach Map, Los Angeles County.

--One district, Cerritos is attached to N/S axis, putting Cerritos in to North and Central Orange County.

--One District, Cerritos is attached to E/ W axis, putting Cerritos in to ext. Western Orange County.

Very upset, that LA County Board of Supervisor, Don Knabe, who is a Cerritos Resident, State Employee, furnishes Sheriffs for Cerritos, is opining towards this debate, as creates conflict of : Residency, Potential Income and voting influence & general political misconduct - ethical charges, by elected official!

My recommendation, since Cerritos straddles both counties, keep all -3- voting districts in either LA or OC and not both as proposed!! Voters have to be educated in one county and can not be educated on issues, pertaining to -2- counties. Personally feel, Cerritos has more of an allegiance with Orange County, compared to -88- LA County cities; as over the past 40 yrs, Cerritos has consistently been compared to the master planned OC city of Irvine & to -34- OC Cities. Cerritos is a **MASTER PLANNED CITY**, which none of the LA County cities are; while OC has many Master Planned Cities, so Cerritos principles better fit towards O.C. Data: Based on linear footage per GPS input, Cerritos borders more OC footage, compared to LAC. FYI: Cerritos borders -9- cities, both LA/OC. Cerritos:} looks, travels, shops, recreates, employed, acts and has economic values, compared to OC & not LAC.

No one will win, if the commission votes on putting Cerritos in to -3- entirely different voting maps & will create more voter confusion then yesteryears districts; hennce no winners for either county, as voters will not vote & or be misinformed- uneducated for voting!!

//jm 6/25/11 (Cerritos Resident '75)

Jim McMahon, GRI, Raising "BAR"- Real Estate since '74

Cell: [REDACTED], Email [REDACTED]

