

Subject: Santa Clarita - keep entire Santa Clarita City in Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Congressional District

From: "Michael G. Evans" <[REDACTED]>

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

Attached is the June 23, 2011 by the City of Santa Clarita, by Mayor Masha McLean to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. PLEASE accepts the City's request that the entire City of Santa Clarita be included in the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional District. I sent you a prior email on 6/19/11 asking that the City of Santa Clarita not be split into two separate districts, but I did not state that as well as the attached letter by the Mayor.

I also ask that you accept the City of Santa Clarita request concerning redistricting the Senate District to have the City of Santa Clarita with Ventura County, as stated in the attached letter. Thank you, Michael G. Evans

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From: Office, Communications [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2011 10:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Thank you for submitting Public Comment Re: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole!

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.

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City of SC Letter to Redistricting Com 6.23.11.pdf



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June 23, 2011

Marsha McLean
Mayor

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Laurie Ender
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Members of the Commission:

Frank Ferry
Councilmember

On June 20, 2011, a letter was sent outlining the concerns of the Santa Clarita City Council relative to the division of the City of Santa Clarita among two proposed congressional districts. Since a significant number of individuals and groups have provided testimony to the Citizens Redistricting Commission in which they provided maps, I thought it might be helpful to also provide a map visually illustrating how the congressional district that includes Santa Clarita might be drawn. Enclosed, please find a copy of the June 20 correspondence to you and a recommended congressional district boundary map which illustrates the narrative contained in the letter.

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

The City Council, on behalf of our residents, believes it is critical to place the entire City of Santa Clarita within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district. There are approximately 31,340 people residing in the portion of Santa Clarita that is presently proposed to be placed within the West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas congressional district. The population balance could occur by removing the City of Moorpark and adjacent unincorporated area from the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district; place all of the City of Santa Clarita within that district, and also include the entire City of Simi Valley within the district.

The enclosed recommended map illustrates how the new district could be configured. I hope you will agree that this proposal is in keeping with your stated goals of keeping communities of interest together and being respectful of municipal boundaries.

On a related issue regarding the proposed Senate district, while the City Council is appreciative that the Commission sought to honor our request to have the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley placed into single districts, we also feel that it is appropriate for the Commission to revisit the nesting of districts.



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In the City's original testimony, presented in the spring of this year, we recommended that the Senate district be drawn to include Santa Clarita with portions of Ventura County. The City Council would be most appreciative if the Commission would revisit the nesting of Assembly districts to pair the proposed Santa Clarita district with the Assembly district located to the west in Ventura County to form a Senate district that joins communities of interest. The issues of concern to coastal communities in the presently proposed Senate district are substantially different than those within inland communities. It appears most appropriate to pair coastal districts together and inland districts together to retain existing communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration of clarifying comments and the submission of the map to graphically illustrate our earlier correspondence to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marsha McLean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marsha McLean
Mayor

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Enclosures (2)

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