



City of
SANTA CLARITA



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Mayor

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear California Redistricting Commission:

Frank Ferry
Councilmember

I am writing to you regarding the first draft of legislative district maps the California Redistricting Commission released on Friday, June 10, 2011. First and foremost, on behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I want to thank the Commissioners for acting favorably on the testimony that we previously provided to you in person on April 30 and May 1, and again through additional written testimony on May 23. The Santa Clarita City Council, on behalf of our 176,320 residents, requested that the City of Santa Clarita not be divided among two or more legislative districts. The first round of maps demonstrates that you honored our request by placing the City of Santa Clarita and the majority of the surrounding Santa Clarita Valley within single Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization Districts. We appreciate the commission's efforts in retaining the integrity of our City's borders and communities of interest.

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

We are, however, concerned about the first draft of congressional district maps that were created for our area. The City of Santa Clarita currently finds itself contained within two different congressional districts. The majority of our community is contained within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district. However, approximately 18% of our residents find themselves separated from their neighbors, having been placed in the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas congressional district. We are extremely concerned that neighborhoods within the City of Santa Clarita are being divided. There is a strong sense of community among all the residents of Santa Clarita and we believe it is appropriate that the entire City of Santa Clarita be placed within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district.

We estimate that approximately 31,340 people in Santa Clarita are currently part of the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas Congressional District. We strongly urge that these residents be placed into the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district and commensurate population adjustments are made to the proposed districts in Ventura County and the San Fernando Valley.

