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June 16, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Hollywood Draft Redistricting Maps

Dear Commissioners:

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has reviewed the draft Assembly, Senate, and Congressional redistricting maps. The Chamber again would like to urge you to keep the Hollywood community intact as the Commission moves forward with drawing the new district boundary lines. With more than 200,000 residents in greater Hollywood, even though it is not a separate city, the Hollywood community has a very strong identity encompassing unique attitudes and concerns.

Historically, the boundaries of Hollywood are Mulholland on the North, Hyperion on the East, Melrose on the South, and City of West Hollywood on the West. We ask that all of Hollywood, as defined by these boundaries, are included as part of one district instead of three different districts as was done in the previous round of redistricting for the Assembly.

The Chamber believes that the current dissection of the Hollywood Community into multiple districts has led to confusion, dilution of resources, and lack of accountability as Hollywood residents have had to communicate concerns to multiple legislators with competing neighborhood interests, rather than one who is kept abreast of Hollywood's needs. Having reviewed the draft maps, the Chamber feels that the draft Senate and Congressional boundaries are consistent with the Hollywood Business Community's request to remain intact. However, we do have great concern with the draft Assembly map which again divides the Hollywood community amongst three Assembly districts.

We respectfully ask that the Commission revisit the draft Assembly district boundaries to ensure that Hollywood is encompassed within one Assembly district (not just one Senate District), as generally, Assemblymembers, with their more manageable district sizes, are often more approachable and closer to the people they represent.

For these reasons and others, the community of Hollywood should be kept in the same legislative district. It is important to keep communities which share so many unique characteristics together, to allow the residents of the local neighborhoods to petition their governments effectively on shared concerns. We thank you for your consideration of these points and concerns as you complete drawing the lines that will affect our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Leron Gubler
President & CEO

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Neal R. Dougherty

[REDACTED]
Altadena, CA 91001

23 June 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: San Gabriel Mountains Assembly District
San Gabriel Mountains State Senate District
San Gabriel Mountains Congressional District

Dear Commissioners:

I have resided with my wife, Ann, at 3740 Canyon Crest Road in Altadena for the last 39 years. Our home is on the east rim of Millard Canyon, up stream from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Our property is in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and borders the Angeles National Forest.

I'm completely mystified to find Altadena as part of proposed Federal and state electoral districts that snake around the periphery of the Angeles National Forest. While we share with other foothill communities an enhanced concern about forest fires, it is the only issue we uniquely share with them. This narrow, single issue is certainly no basis for an electoral district.

For Altadena, a far more rational approach is to recognize Pasadena as the historical, cultural, educational, surface transportation, sports, science and technology, religious, judicial and entertainment center of the West San Gabriel Valley.

Historical, because the communities of Altadena, La Canada Flintridge, South Pasadena, Arcadia and Sierra Madre grew with, around and as a result of Pasadena.

Cultural, because Pasadena has important museums, a symphony orchestra, The Los Angeles Children's Chorus, the Rose Parade, various performing arts venues, KPCC (the premier public radio station in Southern California), etc.

Educational, because Cal Tech is a mecca for science and technology students, professors and distinguished researchers from throughout the world; Fuller Seminary educates theologians, clergy and psychological councilors from around the world, and Pasadena City College provides entry-level higher education to many thousands of students.

Surface Transportation, because the Ventura Freeway, the Pasadena Freeway, the East and West Foothill Freeways and the Long Beach Freeways all converge to Pasadena. In addition, the Gold Line light rail route transverses Pasadena.

Sports, because of the Rose Bowl is a venue not only for the Rose Bowl game, but also UCLA Football, and many special events such as the Soccer World Cup and NFL games.

Science and Technology, because of Cal Tech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are truly world class.

Religious, because Pasadena contains Fuller Seminary, many large regional churches, a Jewish synagogue and temple. These houses of worship frequently serve as performing arts venues.

Judicial – because the Superior Court (California) and the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals are located there.

Entertainment - because Old Town Pasadena is a regional destination and there are a wide variety of performing arts venues.

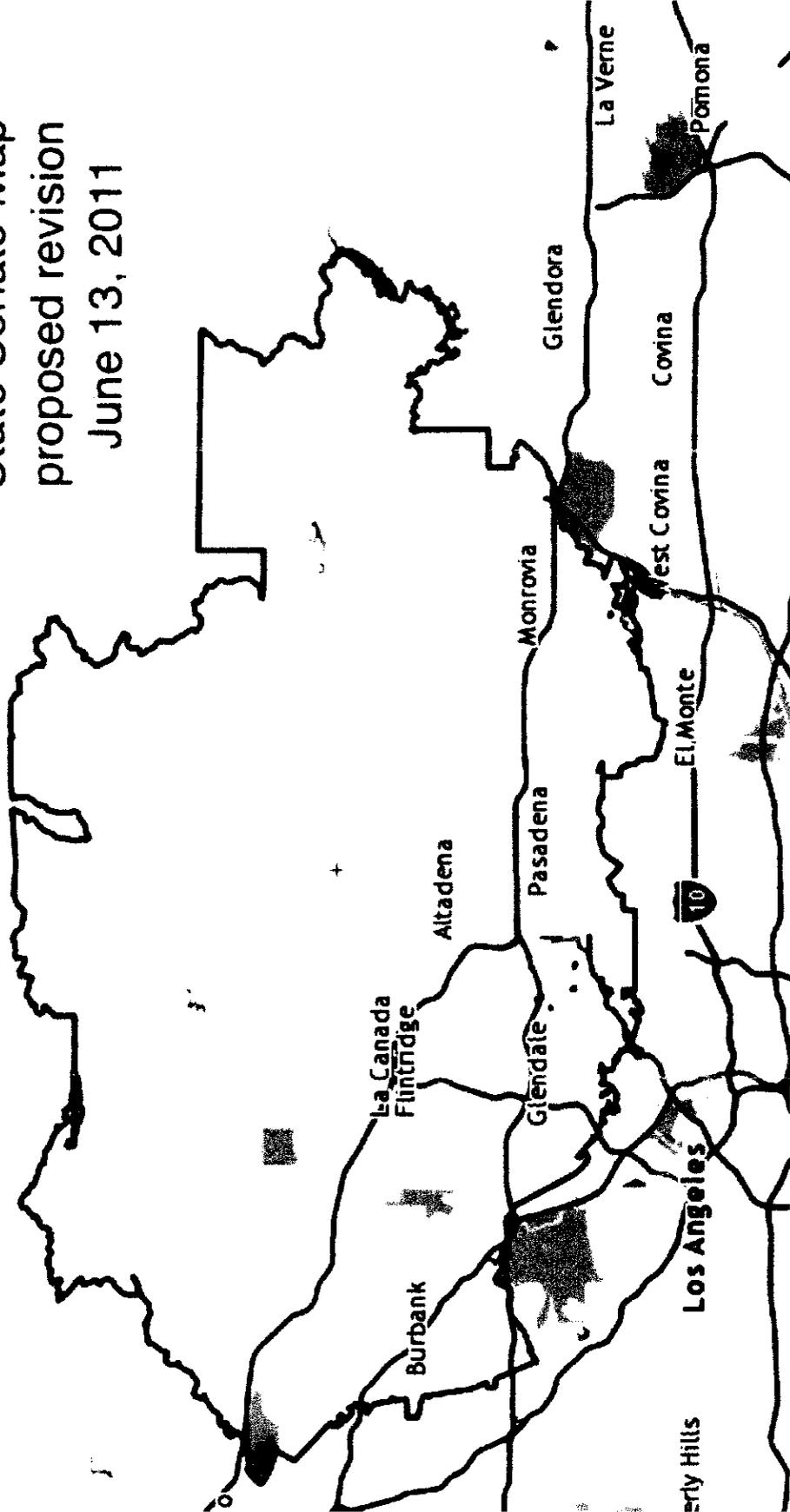
To summarize, Altadena should neither be balkanized nor gerrymandered into irrelevance. It should be part of state and federal electoral districts that recognize and reflect the many overlapping and shared interests of the Pasadena area communities. These district boundaries should empower us to elect representatives who reflect and represent our many common interests. Toward that end, the proposed districts present unacceptable barriers and seriously need revision.

Yours truly,

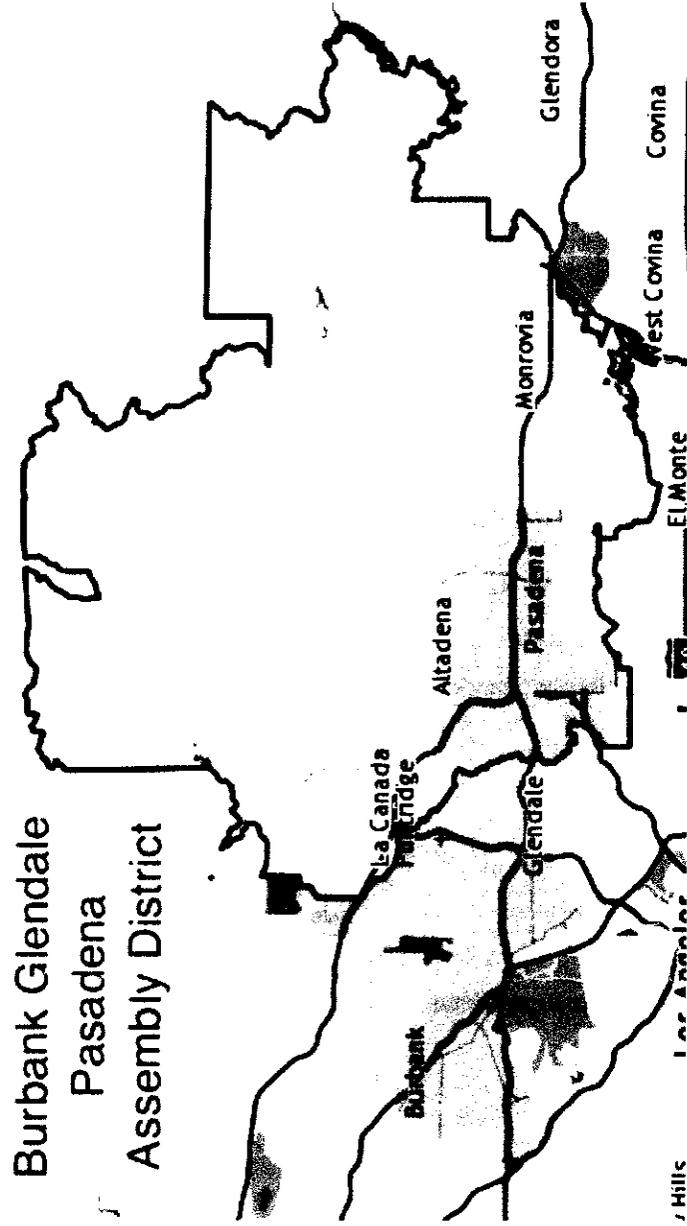

Neal R. Dougherty

P. S., Three attached electoral maps are representative of district boundaries that enable the Pasadena area communities to elect representatives who reflect their shared interests. My understanding is that all three meet the requisite legal and constitutional requirements. While not perfect, they correct the obvious and fundamental flaws in the districts the Commission is considering.

State Senate Map
proposed revision
June 13, 2011

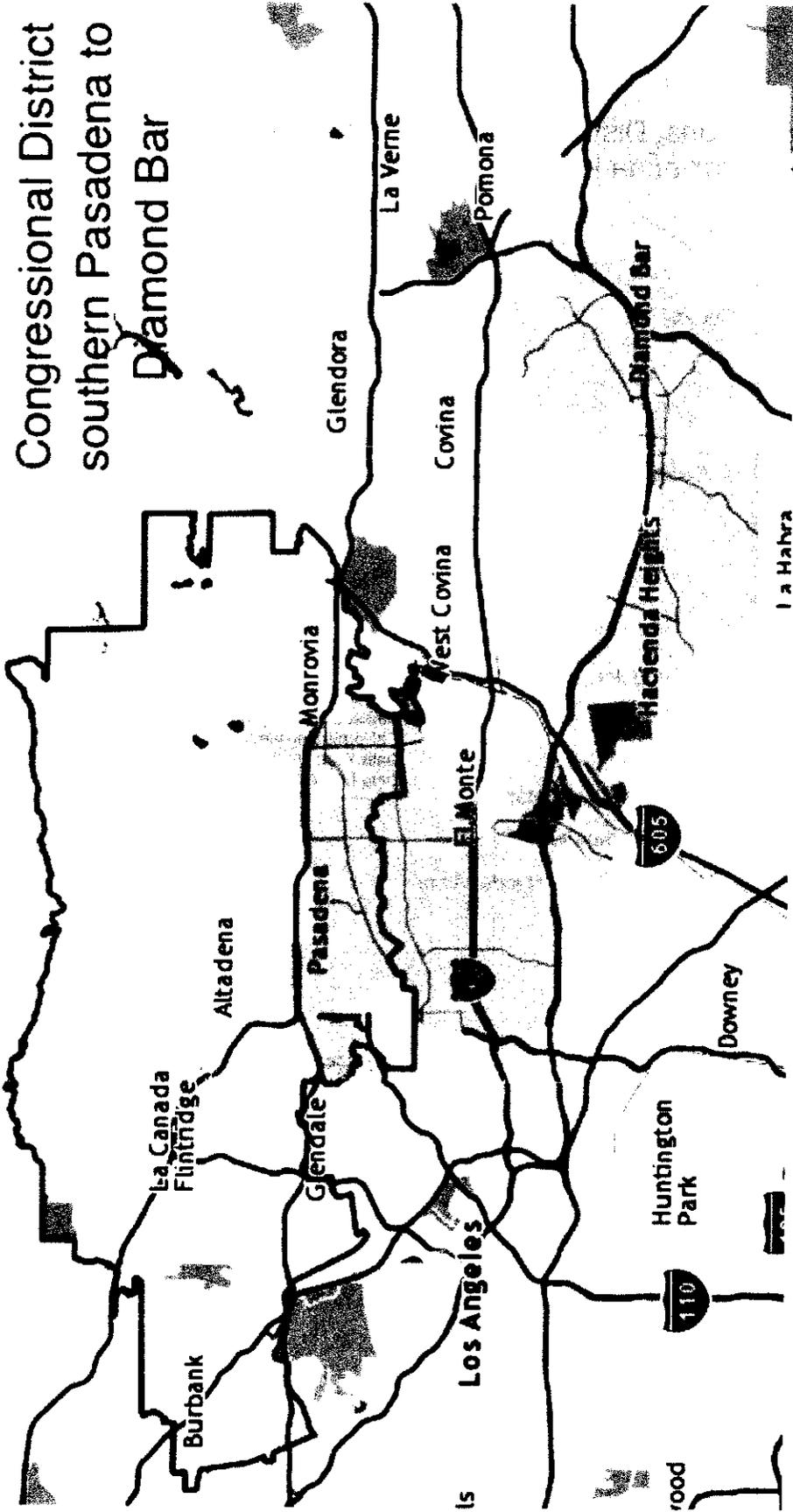


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Congressional District southern Pasadena to Diamond Bar





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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CAROL K. CHEN

June 24, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: District Maps

Dear Commission Members:

On June 23, 2011, the Cerritos City Council reviewed and considered the first draft of the District Maps proposed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The City Council concurred on the following findings:

- 1) The City of Cerritos should remain in districts with other cities in the Los Angeles County region. Since the incorporation of the City of Cerritos in 1956, the City has played an active leadership role in regional issues in the greater Los Angeles area in terms of planning, transportation, legislation, and contract services provided by the County of Los Angeles (Sheriff, Fire, Building and Safety). The City of Cerritos has no regional ties/working relationships with neighboring Orange County cities.
- 2) City Council members and staff have been active in the following associations and projects:
 - a) League of California Cities – Los Angeles Division
 - b) California Contract Cities Association
 - c) Gateway Cities Council of Governments
 - d) American Planning Association – Los Angeles Region
 - e) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Los Angeles Region
 - f) Orangeline Development Authority
 - g) 91/605 Corridor Cities Committee
 - h) I-5 Expansion
- 3) Cerritos students attend schools within the ABC Unified School District. The District provides elementary, secondary, and adult education for the following cities:
 - Artesia
 - Cerritos

- Hawaiian Gardens
- Portions of Lakewood, Long Beach and Norwalk

Families of our students are committed to the educational programs provided by the ABC Unified School District and support activities to further the academic achievements of the schools.

The City works in partnership with the ABC Unified School District Board on many projects through the development of shared facilities and joint use agreements (gymnasiums, swim center, tennis courts).

- 4) The City of Cerritos provides water to the community and is active in the management and production of water with other cities in Los Angeles County. We are pro-active members in the following water organizations:

- a) Central Basin Municipal Water District
- b) Water Replenishment District
- c) Southeast Water Coalition
- d) Integrated Regional Water Management Plant Authority

There are no connections to any cities in Orange County in providing of water to their communities.

The City Council of the City of Cerritos unanimously recommends to the Citizens Redistricting Commission that the District Maps for the City of Cerritos should be composed of the following Los Angeles County cities:

Assembly	Cerritos Artesia Bellflower Hawaiian Gardens Lakewood Norwalk Paramount
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Senate	Cerritos Artesia Avalon Bellflower Downey Hawaiian Gardens Lakewood Long Beach Norwalk Paramount Signal Hill
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Congressional	Cerritos Artesia Bell Gardens Bellflower
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Downey
La Mirada
Montebello
Norwalk
Pico Rivera
Santa Fe Springs
Whittier

In the 55-year history of the City of Cerritos, we have been actively engaged in the growth and development of municipal and civic affairs in the Los Angeles County region; it is inconceivable to us to now become one of the few Los Angeles County cities to be represented in the State of California with predominantly Orange County cities. This would severely impact our ability to administer local government and dismantle the working relationships at all levels of government that we have cultivated over the years. In addition, during these harsh economic times, for the City Council and staff it would create a hardship and be difficult to monitor the activities occurring in the state and two different counties to properly serve the constituents of the City of Cerritos.

On behalf of the Cerritos City Council, we urge you to reconsider the first draft of the District Maps and give consideration to amending the maps as recommended in this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Carol K. Chen
MAYOR



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REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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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,

Charlie Ara

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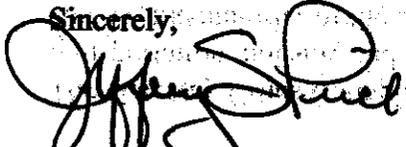
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I have an office in Santa Ana and go to court regularly in Norwalk. I must say that Artesia and Cerritos have a great deal in common both socially, and demographically, with cities such as Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Lynwood and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

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Price, Esq.

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Arthur H. Connor - [REDACTED] - **Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275**

June 22, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Proposed Redistricting

The purpose of this correspondence is to introduce myself and to submit this petition for consideration in your deliberations relative your redistricting processes now underway. I have reviewed the preliminary district maps issued by the commission on the Commission's website for Palos Verdes and adjacent cities. Much of the originally proposed districts are logical and certainly acceptable, however I do respectfully request that the Commission modify the most recent iteration of maps as I have outlined below, which I believe is consistent with the Commissions charter. My proposed modifications affect all three districts as follows.

My wife and I were gratified with the preliminary edition of the 36th congressional district (CD) available on the website, June 2, 2011. It was logical and aligned quite closely with what many of us had proposed and placed on the Commission's website prior to that date. However, between June 2nd and the June 10th preliminary releases, a few significant changes were made to the 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.

The rationale for these adjustments is not clear; Venice and Santa Monica are not a part of the South Bay community while the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much a part of our South Bay community. In fact, I note that the city of Lawndale posts on their website that they are "The Heart of the South Bay." Except for the fact that Venice and Santa Monica are cities on the Pacific coastline, they have little else in common with the South Bay. Please note that the "south Bay" is an aerospace oriented community. We suggest that a district similarly oriented best serves those communities involved with this industry. Venice and Santa Monica are, I submit out of family. Most of us seldom visit the cities of Venice and Santa Monica and we certainly do not work, shop or recreate in these cities

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Please recognize that many of those who reside in the cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne work at South Bay aerospace firms including related small businesses infrastructure. Further, many of us residing in the peninsula cities have friends and relatives residing in these cities as well as own and operate businesses in these cities. The cities of Lawndale and Hawthorne are very much "communities of interest" to us.

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

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

I have outlined my logic in requesting the modifications listed. Should there be other overriding considerations supporting the proposed redistricting, please share this rationale with us via your website.

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

Sincerely



Colonel Arthur H. Connor



Janet Lou Connor

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
[Redacted]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sent via facsimile: [Redacted] and e-mail: [Redacted]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

As a business in Hollywood, we want to thank you for listening to our comments and keeping Hollywood as a whole in one District, represented in Senate District 22.

We appreciate knowing our voices were heard. We hope the map remains the same.

Sincerely,



Brad Folb
president

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REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

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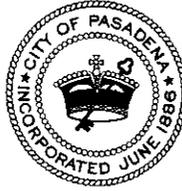
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Sincerely,



Gay M. Arakawa



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 16, 2011

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Sacramento, CA 95814

AMENDED

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This statement is prepared for presentation to the Commission at its hearing today at City Hall in the City of Culver City. Thank you for the opportunity to present views on the impact of the recently announced tentative district boundaries on the City of Pasadena.

I am the Mayor of Pasadena, having recently begun a fourth 4-year term as Pasadena's first directly elected Mayor. The past 12 years have provided an opportunity for me to experience the operation of local government and to pursue the important relationship between a city and its elected representatives at other levels of government.

The thrust of my statement is that the entire City of Pasadena should be in a single congressional district, and that there does not appear to be any substantial reason not to accommodate that goal of our community. Such an outcome would avoid breaching Pasadena's decades-long experience of having substantially all of the City represented by a single Congressional representative and maintain a full community of interest.

Although there are other ways to accomplish this change, here is one way to do it:

- (A) Move the southern portion of Pasadena from the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district into the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district to make it whole.
- (B) Move most of Upland from the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district into the Ontario district.
- (C) Move the southeastern portion of Chino Hills from the Ontario district into the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district.

These adjustments keep Pasadena together; keep the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district within Los Angeles County, instead of reaching into San Bernardino County; restore a community of interest in the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district by uniting the city of Chino Hills; and preserve the Voting Rights Act status of the Ontario district.

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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

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To whom it may concern,

Please allow the foothills to have a contiguous assembly district.

This would include Kaye Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada and Burbank and Alhambra.

There are many ethnicities and economic circumstances in this area, but we share a love of open space, a preservation of nature and equestrian land, quality of education and safety and health issues. We are active and symbiotic.

If we are hap-hazardly divided we will not get representation.

Please help this community
maintain some quality of life
worth contributing to.

Thank you for considering
my comments.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Squires

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Arcadia Association of Realtors®

ANDREW COOPER
Executive Vice President

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Dear Commissioners:

Arcadia Valley Association of REALTORS® represents the more than 1800 real estate professionals that operate in the San Gabriel Foothill communities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia and Sierra Madre as well as the surrounding communities in the county of Los Angeles. While we understand the many different considerations that the commission have to weigh when creating the districts that will represent the state of California for the next ten years, we believe there are some considerations that should be weighed with regards to this region that deserve another look.

DIRECTORS

John Barker
Margaret Garemore
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George Monte
Joseph Pacilio
Mike Vachani
Kelvin Wong
Nick Zigic

The Foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains have shared interests –

Infrastructure – Our region has a lot of shared infrastructure that is dependent upon a local knowledge of these communities. Someone representing this area needs to be aware of these dynamics

The Gold Line Extension – The future growth of the MTA Gold Line provides job opportunities and a chance to build housing and industry that can become an economic engine for our area. The continuation of these efforts needs the dedication of someone aware of the impacts of letting this program stall through a loss of state or federal funding opportunities.

The 210 Corridors – Our region’s major transportation corridors in our region affect commerce, travel, and every other aspect of our daily lives here in the Foothills.

Demographics – The communities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia and Sierra Madre and the surrounding Los Angeles county communities have very similar demographics, concerns and interests related to those. The districts that have been proposed do not address those common concerns.

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Because of these and other reasons, we believe that it makes the most sense to keep these communities together for representation in our legislature.

OFFICERS

PAULINA LEE
President

We are asking the commission to consider revising the designed districts in the San Gabriel region. We believe it would make the most sense to use the distinction of those communities that are adjacent to the mountains together in their districts. We believe that nesting districts on an east to west basis aligns the natural interests of those communities.

RYAN ASAO
President-Elect

ANDY BENCOSME
Vice-President

JAMES THOMAS
Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to present our opinions on the first draft of these maps, and if you have any questions for the real estate community in the San Gabriel Mountains, please feel free to contact us.

DIRECTORS

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Sincerely,
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Office of the Mayor and the City Council

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It is with great importance that I submit to you this letter on behalf of the Monrovia City Council regarding the first round of draft maps released on June 10th for Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate and Board of Equalization districts. As the Mayor of the City of Monrovia, I want to take this opportunity to voice the needs of our community as you continue the critically important and daunting process of drafting the boundaries for our future legislative districts.

First and foremost, my primary concern for Monrovia is that our community is kept whole. In previous visualizations, our City was divided into two Congressional Districts and two Assembly Districts. Fortunately, the June 10th Draft Proposal shows that Monrovia's Congressional district has not split. We ask that as you continue through this process that you preserve Monrovia as a uniformed district. This helps reduce confusion, improves communication with legislators, and encourages the alignment of goals for Monrovians.

Secondly, I would like to request that you reduce the geographic size of the proposed Congressional District. Currently, the proposed San Gabriel Mountain Foothill District will be the largest in Los Angeles County. Similar to the Congressional District, the Senate District is also expansive, and cuts into parts of Pasadena and Northern Rancho Cucamonga. Again, if there is any way to reduce this, I believe it would help create a more manageable district for our future state Senators and Congress members, and allow them to better serve the needs of their constituents.

Finally, the Assembly District as proposed separates Monrovia from Pasadena – a city that we share important ties to, ranging from emergency services to transportation to shared minority communities. I ask that you include Pasadena and Monrovia in the same district in future maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
City of Monrovia

CC: [REDACTED]

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

EDWARD EVERETT VAILL
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comments on First Draft Maps

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I was prepared to testify last night in Oxnard, but the CRC adjourned before getting to my testimony. I submitted the enclosed written comments at the end of the meeting, but I am enclosing an additional copy herewith, in case my comments do not reach you.

An additional point I was prepared to make in my oral testimony was that in the California Assembly draft map, only the City of Malibu is included in the district. This deprives those persons who live in Malibu but are located outside the City limits from being in the Assembly district, including students who attend schools which are part of the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District.

Sincerely,



Edward E. (Ted) Vaill

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June 22, 2011

To the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Ted Vaill, and I previously testified before you on April 27, 2011. As a resident of Malibu for the past 37 years, a past vice chair of its Parks and Recreation Commission, a past member of its Planning Commission, and a lawyer in Los Angeles for over 40 years, I take this opportunity to express my disappointment at the first draft maps which the CRC has circulated, insofar as they affect Malibu and its surrounding "community of shared interest".

This community of shared interest is defined in the California Constitution as "a contiguous population, which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation".

The CRC has not done this for Malibu in its first draft maps for the California Assembly and Senate and the proposed Congressional District incorporating Malibu, for the following reasons:

- 1. Malibu is part of a number of adjacent, interlocking communities of interest: the greater Westside of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Mountains and its foothill regions of the San Fernando Valley, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), and half of Los Angeles County's beaches. Over 33 million people visit these beaches and the SMMNRA each year. Fragmenting these interlocking communities of interest into separate legislative districts would not be productive.**

- 2. Malibu, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas and Westlake Village comprise the Council of Governments (COG), which often work together to address shared concerns such as the frequent wildfires that threaten this region, and traffic safety on canyon roads, as well as water quality issues.**
- 3. In addition, Malibu is part of the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District, which would be torn apart by the proposed first draft maps for the Senate and Congressional districts.**

I have the following problems with the proposed maps:

- 1. Regarding the California Assembly map, the proposed district would have a violent shift eastward, eliminating all of the Santa Monica Mountains from the district, except for a narrow "proboscis" comprising the one mile wide, 22 miles long City of Malibu. Citizens of the Greater Malibu area who live outside the City of Malibu on county land, but who still live in the 90265 zip code, would be thrown into another Assembly district. See Exhibit 1.**
- 2. Regarding the California Senate map, the proposed district would eliminate from the district all of Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. Additionally, Malibu would be the only beach community in this proposed district, which would extend northward as far as Santa Clarita and the Kern County line. Malibu has no community of interest with the High Desert. See Exhibit 2.**
- 3. Regarding the proposed Congressional district, Malibu and much of the Santa Monica Mountains would be surgically detached from the rest of Los Angeles County and lumped in with the Ventura County communities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Camarillo, Ojai, Santa Paula, Piru, and Fillmore, among others, which have a separate community of interest, as a number of other witnesses have stated. See Exhibit 3.**

As I previously testified, the three legislative districts that have incorporated Malibu for the past ten years have worked well in serving our community of interest, and they should be allowed largely to remain intact. The “nesting” of these proposed districts, which the CRC is also obligated to consider, in the case of Malibu would look like a stack of pancakes that is about to topple over.

There is no cohesiveness to these districts, one of which would be violently shifted eastward, and the second violently shifted northward, and the third violently shifted westward. Malibu would have largely lost its community of interest if these proposed districts are finally approved.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have regarding my presentation. I will file copies of my statement with the CRC at the conclusion of my remarks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward E. Vaill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

**Edward E. (Ted) Vaill
Tedvaill@aol.com**

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,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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Enclosures (2)

cc: Members of the City Council
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Casey Bingham, Administrative Analyst



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Region 4: Los Angeles

June 23, 2011

Marsha McLean
Mayor

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

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

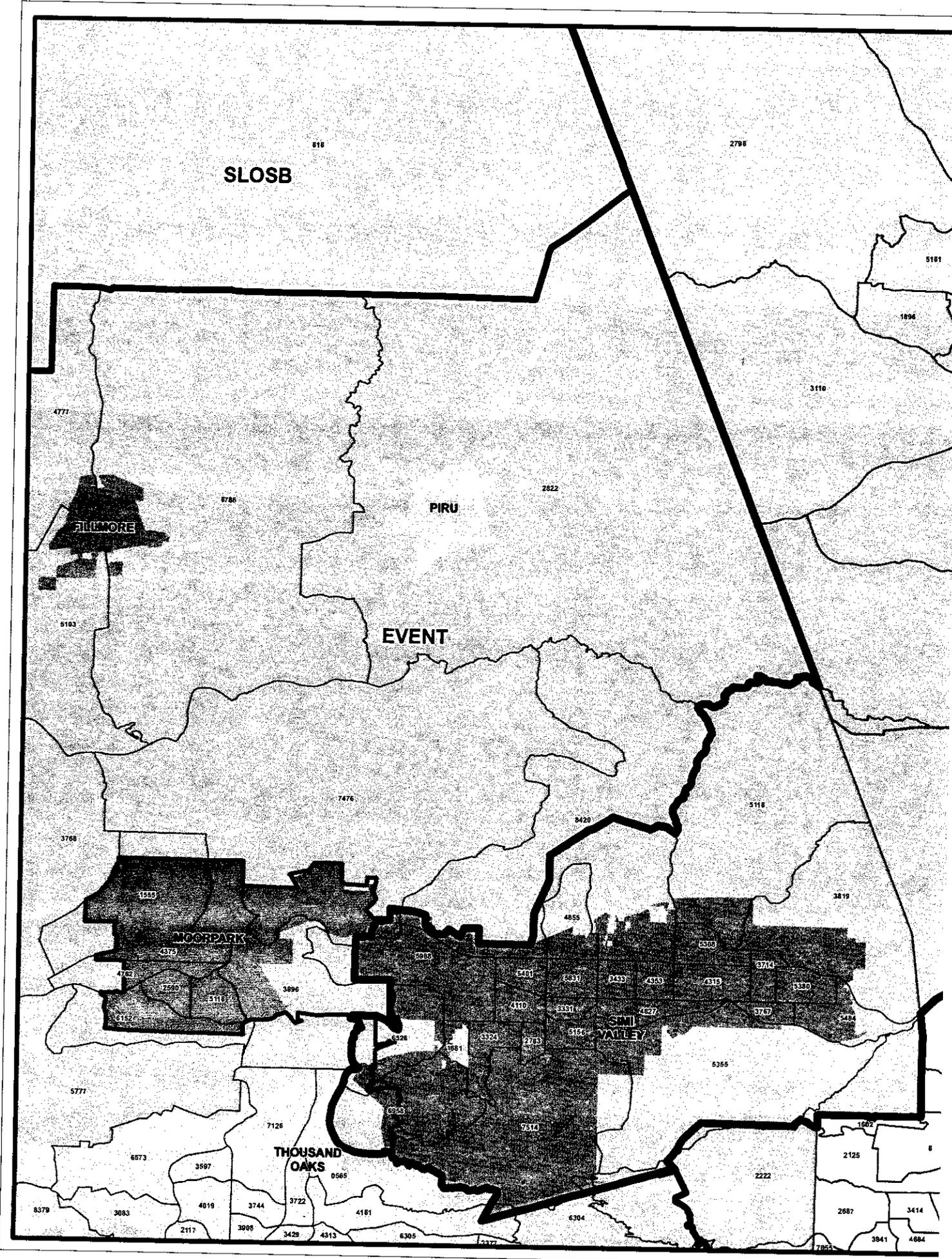
The City Council, on behalf of our residents, believes it is critical to place the entire City of Santa Clarita within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district. There are approximately 31,340 people residing in the portion of Santa Clarita that is presently proposed to be placed 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.

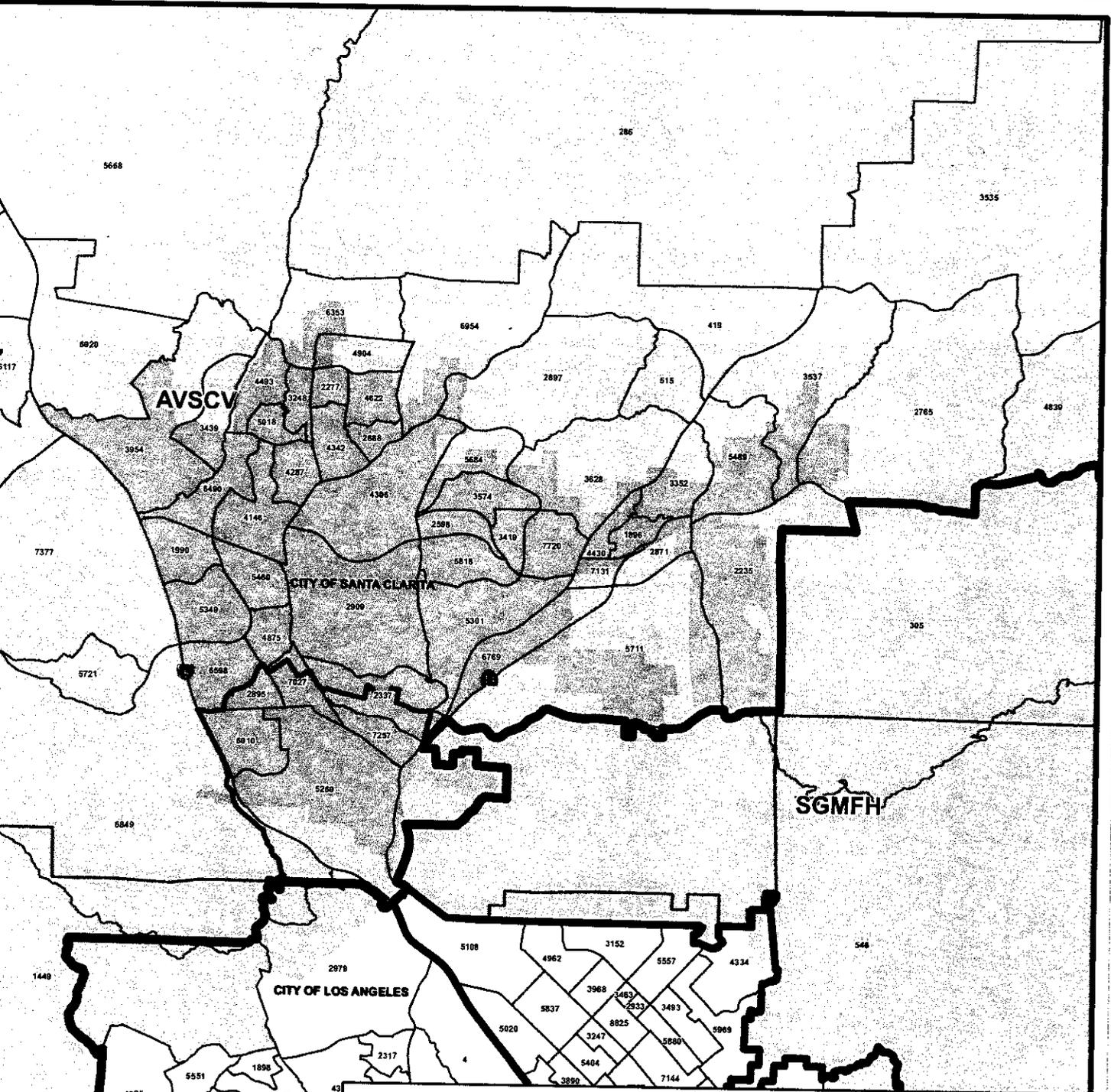
The enclosed recommended map illustrates how the new district could be configured. I hope you will agree that this proposal is in keeping with your stated goals of keeping communities of interest together and being respectful of municipal boundaries.

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.



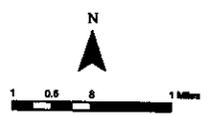
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City of **SANTA CLARITA**
RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 June 23, 2011

- OVVO Boundary
- Census Tract Boundary
- Original CRC First Draft Congressional District Boundary
- City of Santa Clarita Recommended Congressional District Boundary
- City of Santa Clarita Boundary
- City of Los Angeles Boundary
- Fillmore
- Moorpark
- Piru
- Simi Valley
- Thousand Oaks



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Population Count by Census Tract
 1234

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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Ramirez Canyon Park

Malibu, California 90265

VIA FACSIMILE

DATE: June 27, 2011

TO: Citizens Redistricting Commission

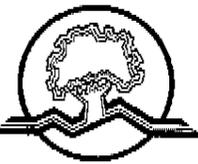
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FROM: Joseph Edmiston

RE: Strenuous Objection to Proposed Senate District "LASCV" Letter

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Strenuous Objection to Proposed Senate District "LASCV"

Honorable Commissioners:

I am sending this letter as the Executive Officer of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The MRCA is a joint powers agency comprised of the Conejo Recreation and Park District (which serves the Thousand Oaks area of Ventura County), the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (which serves the Simi Valley area of Ventura County) and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy which serves the greater Ventura and Los Angeles County mountains area pursuant to Public Resources Code section 33001. It is important to reiterate the statutory language in Section 33001:

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined in Section 33105, is a unique and valuable economic, environmental, agricultural, scientific, educational, and recreational resource that should be held in trust for present and future generations; that, as the last large undeveloped area contiguous to the shoreline within the greater Los Angeles metropolitan region, comprised of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, it provides essential relief from the urban environment; that it exists as a single ecosystem in which changes that affect one part may also affect all other parts; and that the preservation and protection of this resource is in the public interest.

Keeping this statutory language in mind, the proposed "LASCV" Senate District could not be more discordant. From the Kern County line to Malibu? The "vertical" orientation of this district map ignores every principle of geography, say nothing of "communities of interest."

The transverse ranges of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Simi Hills, and the Santa Susana Mountains, define this geography east to west, not north-south as per your proposed "LASCV" district.

There are no "north-to-south" communities of interest in your proposed "LASCV" district. Surely one criterion ought to be that one can drive the district and stay within it. But that is not remotely possible according to your draft "LASCV" Senate District. The transportation corridors are defined east-to-west. The 101 Freeway, the 118 Freeway, and at the southerly boundary, the PCH corridor, are all defined in a manner that would be irrationally defined according to the proposed "LASCV" Senate District.

As a "Citizens" commission, surely you will recognize the difficulty of a Malibu resident trying to get the attention of his/her State Senator relating to a Pacific Coast Highway problem when the bulk of that Senator's district relates to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Antelope Valley Freeway (Route 14). Frankly, if this kind of outcome had been presented to the voters when Prop. 11 was proposed, it would have been voted down by huge margins.

Much more consistent with the applicable statutes and communities of interest is the Special Master's Senate District 23 of 1991. It must be remembered that this districting plan was not "political" but was the result of the court ordered process. This resulted in a horizontal ordering that kept communities of interest associated with both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains.

As your proposed draft "LASCV" senate district is configured it begs a certified schizophrenic to represent it. Surely that is not the intent of Proposition 11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Edmiston", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon ASLA
Executive Officer

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



Date: June 27, 2011

To: Citizens Redistricting
Commission

Fax: 916 651-5711

From: Fabian Villenas, Principal
Management Analyst [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

No. of Pages: 3

Subject: City of Rancho Cucamonga urges Commission to reconsider its District Maps and maintain Rancho Cucamonga whole and within San Bernardino County

Please find attached a letter from the City of Rancho Cucamonga urging Commission to revise its Assembly and Senate District Maps. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]



Mayor L. DENNIS MICHAEL • *Mayor Pro Tem* SAM SPAGNOLO
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City Manager JACK LAM, AICP

THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
 1130 K Street, Suite 101
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed Assembly and Senate District Maps for the City of Rancho Cucamonga

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the 168,000 citizens of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, I strongly urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to reconsider its proposed Assembly and Senate District Maps and maintain the City of Rancho Cucamonga entirely under one Assembly and one Senate District, within San Bernardino County.

The proposed maps released by the Commission show that a portion of Rancho Cucamonga will be under the SBCUCA Assembly District and the SBBAN Senate District, respectively. Unfortunately, the entire Northwest portion of Rancho Cucamonga (bordered by Haven Avenue and the 210 freeway) which includes approximately 33,000 residents or 20 percent of the Rancho Cucamonga's population, is disenfranchised from effective representation with the rest of Rancho Cucamonga by being lumped into separate Senate and Assembly districts that are almost totally in Los Angeles County.

The proposed LASGF Assembly District just west of Rancho Cucamonga which contains the Northwest section of Rancho Cucamonga and neighboring Upland (both in San Bernardino County), also includes the Los Angeles County communities of La Verne, San Dimas, Glendora, Azusa, Duarte, Sierra Madre, La Canada Flintridge and even touches the San Fernando Valley. The proposed LASGF Senate District west of Rancho Cucamonga which also includes the Northwest corner of Rancho Cucamonga, includes the aforementioned cities plus Pasadena, South Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale and again stretches out to touch the San Fernando Valley. Some of these communities are more than 50 miles from Rancho Cucamonga and have virtually no commonality or shared interests with the City.

Clearly, the proposed Draft Maps do not meet the Commission's stated criteria to "respect counties, cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods, where possible." In fact, the proposed Draft Maps bifurcate a substantial and well-established portion of our community and place it into obscurity with over a half-dozen prominent L.A. County communities. The voices of our 33,000 residents that live in the Northwest area will be

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completely drowned out by the 465,804 voices in the proposed Assembly District and 929,398 voices in the proposed Senate District that overwhelmingly reside in Los Angeles County.

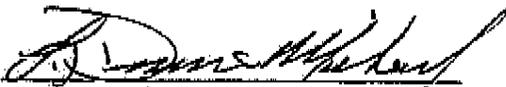
The residents of Northwest Rancho Cucamonga share no community interests with these Los Angeles County communities. All municipal services for this area, including library, community services, community development, animal control, and others are provided by the City of Rancho Cucamonga. Law enforcement services are provided through a contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and fire and emergency response is provided by the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District, a subsidiary district of the City. On a regional basis, transportation issues are addressed through the San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) and CalTrans District 8. Public transit services for the San Bernardino Valley are provided by OmniTrans. The representation and services that these entities provide in no way overlap or have any connection or relationship with Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley communities that are identified in the proposed District Maps.

The residents of Northwest Rancho Cucamonga have strong ties and a strong sense of identity with the rest of the Rancho Cucamonga community, San Bernardino County, and the Inland Empire. There are no commonalities between our residents and Los Angeles County, and the proposed Assembly and Senate District Maps needlessly split our community and our neighborhoods, effectively nullifying their voices and opportunity for strong representation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission keep Rancho Cucamonga whole and entirely within San Bernardino County and REVISE Proposed Assembly District Map SBCUCA and Senate District Map SBBAN to include the ENTIRE City of Rancho Cucamonga.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call [REDACTED] if you require any further information or have any questions.

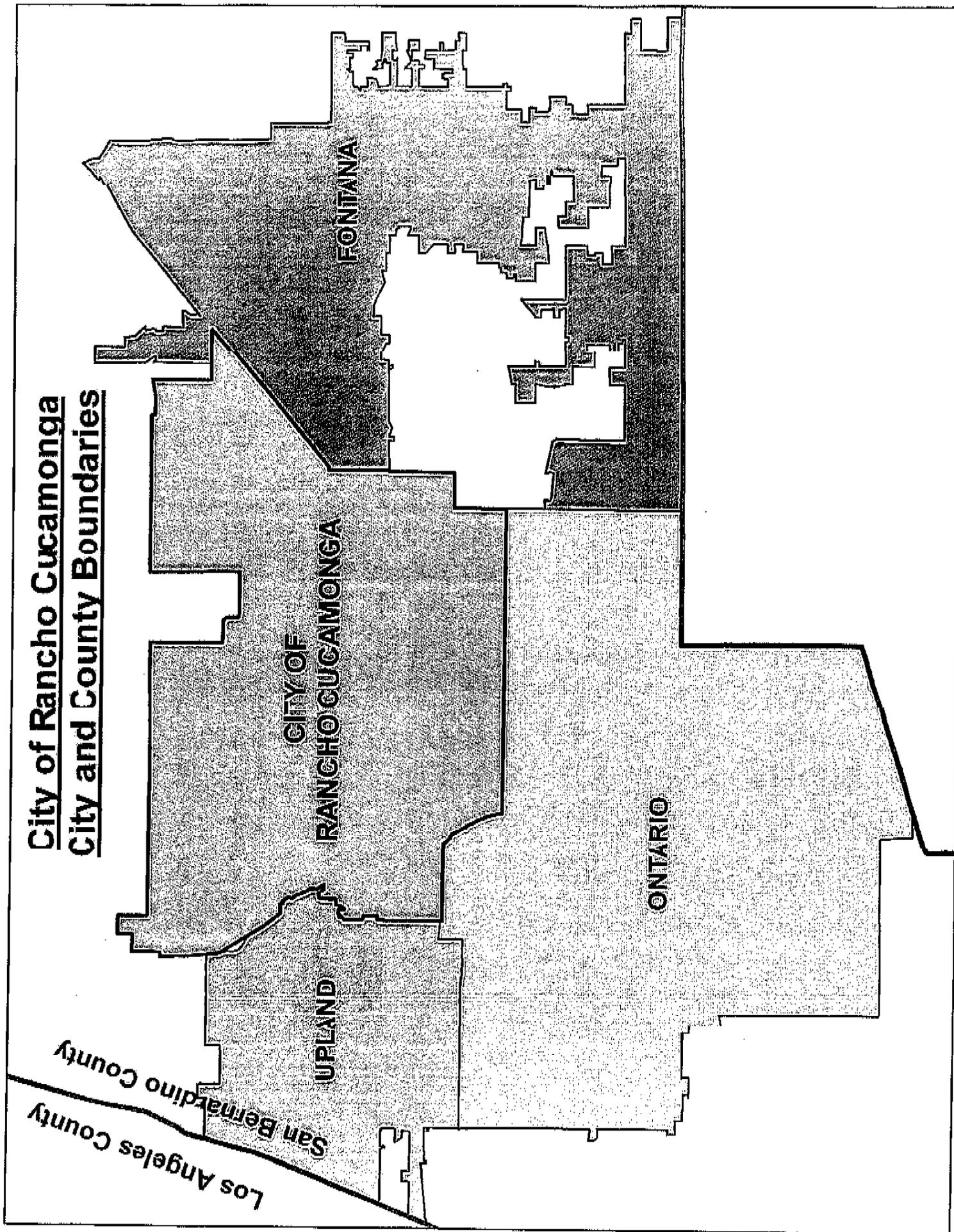
Sincerely,


L. DENNIS MICHAEL
Mayor

Cc: City Council

ATTACHMENT

City of Rancho Cucamonga
City and County Boundaries



FONTANA

CITY OF
RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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Los Angeles County

San Bernardino County



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
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June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to present my views on the important subject of redistricting electoral jurisdictions. The work of your Commission is extremely important and complicated, and I commend the time and effort you have put into this project. Your work is guided by challenging criteria, including equal population, contiguity, compactness, compliance with the Voting Rights Act, geographic integrity of cities, and communities of interest. My comments relate to the latter two factors: geographic integrity of cities and communities of interest.

As Mayor of the City of Glendale, it is my strong belief that the entire City of Glendale should remain in a single congressional district. There does not appear to be any substantial reason not to accommodate this important goal of our community. Such an outcome would avoid breaching Glendale's decades-long experience of having our City represented by a single Congressional representative. In addition, having more than one representative risks fracturing the political identity of our city. Basically, you would be turning a Glendale currently united as a single community into a fractured and disjointed city.

In addition, Glendale has formed valuable tri-city cooperative relationships with Burbank and Pasadena. The viability and strength of these associations would be challenged if the three cities were broken up into different Congressional and Assembly districts.

I cannot stress how strongly I oppose the fracturing of the City of Glendale into multiple Congressional or Assembly districts.

I support Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's recommendations, which are to:

- (A) Move the Southern portion of Glendale from the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district into the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district to make it whole.

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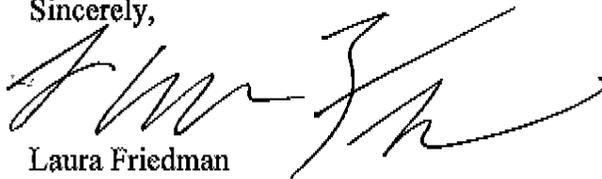
- (B) Move most of Upland from the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district into the Ontario district
- (C) Move the southeastern portion of Chino Hills from the Ontario district into the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district.

These adjustments keep Glendale together; keep the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district within Los Angeles County, instead of reaching into San Bernardino County; restore a community of interest in the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district by uniting the City of Chino Hills; and preserve the Voting Rights Act status of the Ontario district.

I truly appreciate the Commission's plan to keep 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 Glendale, Burbank, and Pasadena. As I mentioned before, these three cities have entered into numerous cooperative agreements which are furthered by having a single Congressional representative, as well as by being represented by a single Assembly Member.

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

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Mayor



• **City of Torrance** •

• [Redacted] Torrance, California 90503 •
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OFFICE - FAX COVER SHEET

Date: June 27, 2011 Pages: 2, including fax cover

PLEASE DELIVER TO:

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(916) 651-5711**

Document(s) Transmittal: **Splitting the City of Torrance
In the 36th Congressional District
LETTER OF OPPOSITION**

Sender: Mayor Frank Scotto, City of Torrance

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FRANK SCOTTO
MAYOR

CITY OF
TORRANCE

June 27, 2011

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

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I would like to express my strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36th Congressional District. In reviewing the map, it is apparent that there are parts of the City of Torrance which has a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. In actuality, this is part of the City of Torrance and not Redondo Beach.

The City would appreciate you looking into this matter to ensure all of the residents of the City of Torrance are represented by the 36th Congressional District. The entire City should be served and not fragmented. This will allow the City to have one consistent voice in serving our community.

Through the years the City has been served well within the 36th Congressional District and would like to continue to do so. The 36th District Office is familiar with the City of Torrance, its needs, challenges, and priorities both at a local, state and regional level. It is imperative the City of Torrance remains one cohesive City. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the 36th Congressional District.

I urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Through the years the cities within the 36th Congressional District have developed effective working relationships and continue to exchange innovative ideas and practices.

Your consideration of this matter on the zip code is very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto
Mayor

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cc: City Council Member
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

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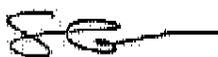
We request that this letter be entered into the record for the Los Angeles County region regarding redistricting considerations.

Based in Los Angeles, 30 Years After serves to promote the participation of Iranian-American Jews in American civic and political life. The last three decades saw a significant exodus of Iranian immigrants to California. Los Angeles is now home to the largest population of Iranians and Iranian Jews outside of Iran. Over 250,000 Iranian-Americans call Los Angeles home, including 50,000 Iranian Jews. Over the last thirty years, Iranian-Americans have made significant contributions in the arts, business, academia, and recently, in public service. In 2003, Jimmy Delshad was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council, and was elected Mayor in 2007. In addition to Beverly Hills, where over one-third of the City's residents are of Iranian descent, the heart of the Iranian-American community is in Westwood (roughly north of Santa Monica between the 405 Freeway and the Beverly Hills city line) and the Pico-Robertson neighborhood (Rexford Dr. to La Cienega Blvd., south of Beverly Hills to Cadillac Ave.).

Iranian-Americans are tight-knit community of immigrants who share a rich culture and language and similar social and economic demographics. More so, the communities of Iranian-Americans in Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson are interdependent; we share markets, community centers, religious centers and schools. Westwood, known as "Little Tehran" to many, boasts countless Persian restaurants and markets, Farsi-language bookstores, and an annual *Nowrooz* festival. The four largest Persian synagogues in Los Angeles are in Beverly Hills, Westwood, Pico-Robertson, and West Hollywood, respectively. Numerous Iranian-American assisted-living facilities are located in Beverly Hills and Westwood.

Accordingly, we request that our community's tight-knit neighborhoods of Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson not be divided, as proposed, between two Assembly districts, two State Senate districts, and two Congressional districts. Because of the unique and distinct character of the Iranian-American and Iranian-Jewish communities, we set forth in the strongest terms our desire to keep our representation under a single Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional district, uniting Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sam Yebri
30 Years After, President

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June 27, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

We request that this letter be entered into the record for the Los Angeles County region regarding redistricting considerations.

Based in Los Angeles, 30 Years After serves to promote the participation of Iranian-American Jews in American civic and political life. The last three decades saw a significant exodus of Iranian immigrants to California. Los Angeles is now home to the largest population of Iranians and Iranian Jews outside of Iran. Over 250,000 Iranian-Americans call Los Angeles home, including 50,000 Iranian Jews. Over the last thirty years, Iranian-Americans have made significant contributions in the arts, business, academia, and recently, in public service. In 2003, Jimmy Delshad was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council, and was elected Mayor in 2007. In addition to Beverly Hills, where over one-third of the City's residents are of Iranian descent, the heart of the Iranian-American community is in Westwood (roughly north of Santa Monica between the 405 Freeway and the Beverly Hills city line) and the Pico-Robertson neighborhood (Rexford Dr. to La Cienega Blvd., south of Beverly Hills to Cadillac Ave.).

Iranian-Americans are tight-knit community of immigrants who share a rich culture and language and similar social and economic demographics. More so, the communities of Iranian-Americans in Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson are interdependent; we share markets, community centers, religious centers and schools. Westwood, known as "Little Tehran" to many, boasts countless Persian restaurants and markets, Farsi-language bookstores, and an annual *Nowrooz* festival. The four largest Persian synagogues in Los Angeles are in Beverly Hills, Westwood, Pico-Robertson, and West Hollywood, respectively. Numerous Iranian-American assisted-living facilities are located in Beverly Hills and Westwood.

Accordingly, we request that our community's tight-knit neighborhoods of Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson not be divided, as proposed, between two Assembly districts, two State Senate districts, and two Congressional districts. Because of the unique and distinct character of the Iranian-American and Iranian-Jewish communities, we set forth in the strongest terms our desire to keep our representation under a single Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional district, uniting Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson.

Thank you for your consideration.

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30 Years After, President

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Date: June 27, 2011

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Re: Van Nuys & proposed senate region 4

In regards to the proposed region 4, I am dismayed by the odd boundaries. I have lived in Van Nuys for many years and the community has the most in common with Sherman Oaks, which is to the south of us, rather than with the other surrounding communities. Nearly all of what is now Sherman Oaks was once part of Van Nuys. There is even a shared Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park. Further, the main business district runs from mid-Van Nuys along Van Nuys Boulevard straight through Sherman Oaks. None of the other surrounding communities in the proposed region shares a main business district with Van Nuys.

I would like to see the whole of Van Nuys and the whole of Sherman Oaks unified as a single district for both senate representation and congressional representation. It makes more sense from a community standpoint, much more sense from a business development standpoint, doesn't result in split representation, and promotes shared community interests.

Sincerely,



Mrs. John Carnegie

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