

I am a lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley I have lived and worked in the communities of Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Sun Valley, Arleta, and currently live and work in Northridge.

I find the Assembly and Senate redistricting of the San Fernando Valley in your draft 1 to be inconsistent with the guidelines of your commission. The San Fernando Valley is a community, it is contiguous, and it is compact. We are surrounded by mountain. We share common problems with transportation, housing, and education. And we have a vibrant business community.

The Draft 1 plan carves out 2 Latino dominated districts (East and West SF Valley). The district you call West SF Valley is really the central core, extending all the way east to North Hollywood, while actually not include the majority of the West Valley.

And then the rest of the Valley gets cut up like a pizza pie with every adjacent district getting a little piece. The West side gets a piece near Universal, East LA gets Griffith Park. Thousand Oaks west to Pacific Ocean gets matched up with the South part of the valley. And the Northwest part of the valley is part of the "Santa Clarita District" which extends north all the way to the Kern county line.

The "Santa Clarita" and "Thousand Oaks" Assembly Districts are not a "Communities" by anyone's definition.

The San Fernando Valley taken in total, per Re Draw CA, is 47% Latino, 36% White, 10% Asian, 4% Black and 3% Other. Given those numbers Latino dominated district will happen naturally. Draft 1 goes overboard to protect Latinos and in so doing disrespects the community as a whole.

The San Fernando Valley "Community" needs 3 complete compact assembly districts as follows

San Fernando Valley South (101 corridor): Mulholland Drive on the south (from the 101 in Calabasas to the 101 again in the Cahuenga Pass. Calabasas on the west, Vanowen Street on the North and the City of Burbank on the East.

San Fernando Valley North East: Mountains on the North and East sides, with the 405 freeway on the West and Sherman Way On the South.

San Fernando Valley North West: Mountains on the North and West sides, with the 405 freeway on the East and Vanowen Street on the South.

These 3 Assembly districts should be combined with the Burbank/Glendale District to make 2 Senate districts

Cities go with cities. Mountains and coastlines belong with mountains and coastlines. The San Fernando Valley is a compact, contiguous, densely packed community. Please redraw district lines that respect our whole community.

Sincerely,

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