

Subject: Antelope Valley -LULAC- Redistricting Opinion

From: Lilia Galindo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 5:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

[REDACTED] Quartz Hill, CA 93536

June 27, 2011

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

My name is Jackie Contreras and I am the District Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)-Antelope Valley Region. As such, presently, I am representing three chapters of the Antelope Valley, the Palmdale, Lancaster and Antelope Valley Unincorporated Area chapters. However, we have affixed the names of the three Council chairs for communication purposes and to indicate adherence by all the Antelope Valley Chapters to the statements made herewith.

As an organization concerned with civic involvement, and one whose main purpose is to create a political voice for Latinos in the Antelope Valley and throughout the nation, it is of grave concern to us that the maps released by the California Redistricting Commission on June 10, 2011 would severely diminish opportunities for future Latino political progress. We believe that the commission's maps do not provide for sufficient opportunities for fair Latino representation and, therefore, constitute a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act.

California's Latino population accounted for 90% of the State's growth during the last decade, yet the Commission's maps fail to reflect that growth. We were startled to see that Latinos have less VRA type 2 districts in the Commission's maps than are present today. Under state law, strict adherence to the VRA is the second highest priority that the Commission must apply when drawing the state's new districts. .

California's maps must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which protects underrepresented communities from discrimination in the electoral process. The Commission must ensure that it addresses this issue when it revises its draft maps. We suggest you consider the recent maps proposed by MALDEF which creates districts we perceive to be more in line with the VRA mandate as it related to Latino representation.

Sincerely,

Jackie Contreras
AV Region Chair
[REDACTED]

Lilia Galindo
UA Chair
[REDACTED]

Samuel Roman
Palmdale Chair
[REDACTED]

Luciano Santini
Lancaster Chair

Subject: new map

From: Regine Verougstraete <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I have lived in South Pasadena for 14 years. The draft Assembly maps, while I am sure well-intended, split our tiny town between two Districts! This does not seem to be a good idea for South Pasadena, If we want to work together on issues, or even know who our representative is! Plus we have many shared issues with other suburban towns to the north of us, including Pasadena and La Canada. As I understand the maps, at least some South Pasadena would now be moved into a largely urban LA District. Again, this will make it hard to motivate citizens here to get and stay involved!

Please reconsider the South Pasadena lines for Assembly--keep our town together and link us to other towns with similar concerns.

I would really appreciate it and it can make a huge difference in our tight community.

Thank you,

Régine Verougstraete

Subject: Long Beach Congressional District

From: Guy Heston <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my concern with the proposal to split Long Beach amongst three districts. It would be better to have as much of the city as possible within a single district that could best represent us. I realize you have a difficult task and urge you to do your best to keep Long Beach whole.

Respectfully yours,

Guy Heston

[REDACTED]

Long Beach, CA 90803

Wendy W. Huang
[REDACTED]
Westminster, California 92683

June 27, 2011

Honorable Members of the California Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

Re: Legislative District Boundaries

Dear Honorable Members of the California Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Westminster, where I have lived for the past fifteen years. I write this letter to you because I am concerned that the Commission is separating our Asian community into multiple legislative districts and is instead placing us with geographic communities with which we have little connection.

My husband and I have three children. Their schools, sports leagues, scouting units and our church all include people from Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster. Our Asian population is growing, especially in Huntington Beach. Just visit Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach, which is more than 1/3 Asian.

The Little Saigon community includes not just Westminster, Garden Grove and Fountain Valley, but also Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa, both of which have rapidly growing Asian populations. Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa should be included in our legislative districts in order to avoid dividing the Asian community.

I respectfully suggest that the draft legislative districts mistakenly put our area together with Santa Ana, which we have no interaction with, when our area has much closer ties with Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa. Apparently, the Commission is considering placing us with parts of Los Angeles County, with which we have even less in common than Santa Ana. That makes absolutely no sense.

Our Asian community treats Westminster, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa and Garden Grove as part of our community, and we do not want to be divided. Keep our legislative districts together by including all five of these cities in the same district. Please do not lump us with parts of Los Angeles County or with Santa Ana.

The best proposal that we have seen is the Shawn Dewane map, which keeps our community together. Please adopt the Shawn Dewane map for our Congressional district, and use it as a model for drawing our other legislative districts.

Thank you very much for considering my letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy W. Huang', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy W. Huang

Subject: Gerrymandering Long Beach again is unacceptable

From: Linda Ivers <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:17 AM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Commissioners,

As a resident of Long Beach, more specifically North Long Beach, I resent the gerrymandering that is evident in the latest visualization maps that were released by the Commission.

Long Beach should not be split into 3 parts. We are an extremely large and diverse city. Dividing the City is a disservice to the residents who deserve to have representatives at all levels who understand and can focus on the the needs of our community. Long Beach residents have a difficult time electing official who can concentrate on our needs, when their attention is split by the need to represent a number of cities with differing and sometimes conflicting needs spread over a large area.

I am in support of having all of Long Beach in a single district. I believe it will have the effect of energizing the political process in Long Beach.

Linda Ivers

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 90805

Don't divide Brentwood!

Subject: Don't divide Brentwood!

From: Nancy Cochran <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:44 AM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Don't divide Brentwood!

NANCY COCHRAN

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Dont Change Pasadena and Altadean Assemby District

From: Harvey Carole Miller <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Citizens Reapportionment Commission

PLEASE keep the Pasadena and Altadena Assembly District as it is currently!

DON'T SPLIT THE PASADENA and ALTADENA ASSEMBLY DISTRICT!

The proposed splitting of the Pasadena and Altadena Assembly District between Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County boundaries is not in the best interest of the residents of all ages and economic levels living in Pasadena and Altadena.

Together, we are a large group of people sharing significant social and economic interests such as bus and metro line transportation, post offices, churches, school districts, shopping plaza and supermarkets, and business/educational institutions. We have many generational families living here too.

Our communities of Pasadena and Altadena have a long tradition of being represented by a single representative in the House of Representatives and the Senate and State of California representatives for Assembly and Senate.

The proposed splitting of the Pasadena and Altadena Assembly District between Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County IS NOT in the best interest of our residents!

Signed: Carole Miller

[REDACTED]
Altadena, CA 91001

Date: June 28, 2011

Subject: Diamond Bar Belongs with LA County!

From: Sandra Pérez González <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:41 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My family as residents of Diamond Bar, CA in Los Angeles County urges you to keep LA County with the new Congressional Seat that was drawn by your team. We are not part of Orange County and our issues are not those of Orange County's. My children attend and will attend schools in Los Angeles County (Pomona USD and Walnut USD) and not schools in Orange County. Our local taxes and county taxes are those of LA County. Our water and utilities are of those in LA County. We share no identity or community of interest in Orange County or San Bernardino County. The only reason folks want to draw us into Orange County is to create a specific partisan seat to dilute a community of people in Diamond Bar and our LA County neighbors who share a cultural and community identities in schools, demographics and economics. We are residents of the San Gabriel Valley and for years our identity has been diminished because we are considered by faulty legislative and federal lines to not be part of the greater LA County. But we are LA County residents and we deserve to be grouped with our LA County community neighbors in the greater San Gabriel Valley. Our issues of education, economy and transportation are not those of Orange County or San Bernardino County. **Please set Diamond Bar free!** For years our representation has not reflected the greater demographics of this San Gabriel Valley area surrounding the 60 fwys bu the new maps can correct this. At the state level legislatively I urge you to do the same. Please keep Diamond Bar with Los Angeles County and to do not cast us away to be silenced by Orange County and San Bernardino County state representation that does not accurately reflect our demographics, community interests, and issues. I commend the commission on its work to leave politics behind. Draw good maps for people that make sense! Diamond Bar is in LA County and we shouldn't be split away to provide political interests with a base to continue their misrepresentation of us! **Please Set Diamond Bar free!**

best--

Sandra Pérez

Diamond Bar, CA

Subject: Comment - Citizens Redistricting Commission Maps

From: Jack Neff <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:11 AM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Citizens Redistricting Commission - I support redistricting where "environmental communities of interest" have political representation sufficient to preserve and restore human and wildlife habitat and the ecosystems which support life, including vital wilderness protections. Urban and rural areas have been badly degraded by decades of uncontrolled growth and industrial overproduction and life has suffered as a result. This must be addressed politically by creating redistricting maps where environmental communities of interest are represented in the legislature and elected offices in general.

I thank the the Commission for the drawing of the California Congressional "San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills" district because it is a good idea to keep the Angeles National Forest / San Gabriel Mtns. in a single district which links the vast majority of these forest / mountainous area to users who enter this area from the south or west);

I urge the Commission to keep the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area together as much as possible within a district because it is a good idea for voters in and around this urgently-needed open space to have cohesive representation.

Along this line, **urge that the community of Topanga and the entire Topanga Creek watershed be kept together, and urge that it be located in the same district as City of Malibu voters.**

b. please mention to the Commission that you are displeased in particular with the State Senate boundaries for "LASCV". Not only is it a very odd district stretching from the beach to the Kern County line, but particularly disturbing is the fact that **the district boundary crosses lower Topanga Canyon Blvd. as well as lower Topanga Creek a few times (in the area near where the creek empties into the Pacific Ocean and the Blvd. into P.C.H).**.. Not only should Topanga and Malibu be in one district, but lower Topanga itself should certainly be in just one district.

(Topanga gets its water from Malibu, a firestorm could engulf both those communities, they cooperate on fire and other emergencies, Topanga considers itself more coastal than "valley" and both Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Topanga Creek go down to the beach area. Do not divide up what is arguably the most unique and most beautiful community in L.A. County!)

I urge the California Congressional district "Monterey" include the northwestern part of Santa Cruz County -- including everything west of the San Lorenzo River and including all of the San Lorenzo River watercourse itself. The San Lorenzo essentially runs north-south draining much of the Santa Cruz Mtns. and empties into the Pacific in the City of Santa Cruz. Certainly, this watershed should be in one district. The State Senate district boundary in the Santa Cruz Mtns. makes a lot more sense than the Congressional district boundary which divides the San Lorenzo River watershed.

The NORTH COAST

Thank you for the new Congressional boundary for northwestern California toward the north because there is a lot of potential new wilderness acreage to designate in Siskiyou County including in the Siskiyou Crest area (the biologically vital high-elevation land bridge).

Neither Congressional incumbents from the general North Coast area like the current boundaries, and there is likely an intense effort particularly in Marin and Sonoma Counties to get significant changes in boundary lines for the area (especially for Congressional district lines). My interest is that the redrawn lines do not reduce the area of Siskiyou County included in the "NOCST" Congressional map.

I have deep concerns that, since the Assembly seat represents less population, that it is possible the eastern district pro-development forces along with pro-logging forces coastal counties might give a North Coast seat to representatives who are out of touch with preservation and restoration of depleted forest habitats necessary to sustain these communities. I oppose the map where SEBASTOPOL is drawn inside of the North Coast district along with Santa Rosa and the greater Sonoma State University area.

Please consider the watersheds in this region when drawing redistricting maps. **Please include all of the Russian River watershed (plus the town of Sebastopol) in the North Coast district. I request that Sebastopol, Graton, Forestville, Occidental, Guerneville, etc. all be in the North Coast district (for any and all offices at issue).** I believe that it is particularly important for the Assembly district boundary line.

And lastly, with respect to the district called California Congressional "W. LA - Downtown," it includes the wealthy enclaves Beverly Hills, Bel Air, and Pacific Palisades and also immigrant areas of extreme poverty in the Rampart, Westlake, and Pico-Union districts. With the Citizens United ruling, wealthy communities can impose their political will on less affluent neighbors. Please do not include any area east of Vermont Avenue except north of Melrose Avenue and then north of Sunset Blvd. west to Alvarado Blvd.. I believe this was the case where someone suggested adding the affluent Los Feliz and Silverlake areas so that the district can help make up for those densely-populated immigrant areas west of downtown which would be dropped from the district which stretches to the ocean.

Thank you for your service.

Jack Neff


Los Angeles, CA 90025

Subject: California Redistricting

From: Lisa Sarkin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:52 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I fully support the position of John Walker, President of the Studio City Neighborhood Council. Please keep all of Studio City in the same districts.

Thank you,

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Lisa Sarkin, Vice President

Studio City Neighborhood Council Board Member

Chair Land Use Committee

CD2 Appointee - Ventura/Cahuenga Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan Review Board

SCNC office [REDACTED] Home office [REDACTED]

FAX [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]



CITY of CALABASAS

JAMES R. BOZAJIAN

Mayor

June 27, 2011

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

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Calabasas would like to express its appreciation to the Commission for the countless hours and great effort that you have put forward into redrawing our various district boundaries. We understand what a difficult task this is and how many diverse interests and statutory requirements you have had to keep in balance as you draw these lines.

Our City Council has met and reviewed your first draft of the boundaries of the California State Assembly District—Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains; the California State Senate District—LASCV, and the U.S. Congressional District—W. San Fernando Valley—Calabasas. We strongly request that you incorporate the following recommendations from the City of Calabasas into the next draft of the maps:

1. California State Assembly District—Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains.
 - a. Include all of the Las Virgenes—Malibu (LVM) Council of Governments (COG) cities within the boundary of the District. These include the cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village (which are currently included), and the City of Malibu (which is not included).
 - b. Include Topanga and the surrounding communities in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

2. California State Senate District—Los Angeles Santa Clarita Valley (LASCV).
 - a. Do not include the Santa Clarita Valley with the LVM Council of Government Cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and Malibu. There is no community of interest link between our cities and the Santa Clarita Valley.
 - b. As an alternative, we recommend an East-West realignment that would include the Topanga region and surrounding communities (map attached).

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Calabasas, CA 91302
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3. U.S. Congressional District—West San Fernando Valley—Calabasas.
 - a. In addition to Calabasas and Hidden Hills, the District should include the cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu.
 - b. The District should additionally include Topanga and the surrounding communities in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
 - c. Again, do not include the Santa Clarita Valley in the District.

Thank you for your efforts in this most difficult of tasks, and we look forward to the second draft of the maps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Bozajian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James R. Bozajian
Mayor

Enclosure

Cc: City Council

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:03 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Shaping the SFV

Message Body:

Keep the West San Fernando Valley and the 101 Corridor intact, from Westlake Village (a Los Angeles County community) through Woodland Hills, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, Northridge, et cetera. Our economy depends on our electing a Congress member who will fight for the common interests of the technology companies in that region.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Xianni Yao <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Xianni Yao <[REDACTED]>

Subject: WEST SFV

Message Body:

I live and work for an aerospace company in the SCV.

There are companies in the Westlake Village/Agoura Hills area that are devoted to aerospace and high technology. These include the largest employer in our area, namely Baxter Healthcare, with Cloud Creek Systems, Appulate, Edo Corporation Global (a subsidiary of ITT), and MBDA Missile Systems. It is important that these companies be in the same district as such Northridge companies as Pharmavite and Medtronic/Minimed. Perhaps the best illustration of this is Northrop Grumman's Navigation Systems Division, which used to be located in Agoura Hills (where most of the employees still live) but is now in Woodland Hills.

These larger companies feed many smaller companies with common interests. They should all be in the same congressional district.

As many of the large aircraft companies have moved out of the area, it is important to keep the high tech jobs in the area, and having a congress person devoted to fighting for the research and defense tax credit at the federal level, who will fight for federal reform of the patent laws, and will fight for the aerospace and defense jobs.

Please don't put us with entertainment-based communities as unfortunately I've seen various elected officials choose to spend their time with that community.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Raul Felix <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Raul Felix <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I work for a San Fernando Valley technology company and I would like to share my thoughts about my community of interest.

In drawing the Congressional lines, keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. We need a member of Congress that will fight for aerospace and technology companies. Our economy depends on a Congress member who will fight for patent reform, the research and defense tax credit, and defense and aerospace jobs. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.

Please take out of the West San Fernando Valley the communities of the southeast San Fernando Valley, which are close to Beverly Hills, Universal City, and the entertainment community. We don't want our member of Congress to be distracted by the allure of hanging out with the entertainment industry. If you include in the district any portion of the Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, Beverly Hills area, then our member of Congress will have a tendency to focus on these fashionable industries and neglect the nuts and bolts aerospace and technology jobs in the West San Fernando Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sandra Perez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:48 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sandra Perez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Diamond Bar Belongs with LA County

Message Body:

I am submitting my comments to appeal to the Commission to keep Diamond Bar with Los Angeles County in your maps on the state & federal level. For far too long the residents of Diamond Bar are misrepresented by not being included in districts that reflect the educational, economic and communities of interest that Diamond Bar shares with its San Gabriel Valley neighbors in LA County. Instead in the past Diamond Bar has been cast into Orange County and San Bernardino seats that have nothing to do with us. We pay property taxes to LA County. Our school districts are in LA County. Our utilities are in LA County. But our vote is to elect someone in Orange or San Bernardino County? That makes no sense! Please set Diamond Bar free and please let Diamond Bar join our SGV neighbors in seats that reflect OUR community within LA County and the greater San Gabriel Valley.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: scott schaidld [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 9:41 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: scott schaidld <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Long Beach

Message Body:

Please keep Long Beach as whole for U.S. Congress seat. We are a large city in CA and should have one point of contact for our local concerns and national support. Splitting the City just to meet the demands of special interest smacks in the face of the Spirit of the CA voters. Thanks for being on the commission and for all your hard work

Best regards,

Scott

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Dan Pressburg <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:48 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Dan Pressburg <[REDACTED]>
Subject: We do not need to be gerrymandered

Message Body:

When I voted for the citizens committee I was hoping that all of you would have hope and courage. When asked if Long Beach should be one separate district I thought we would get better representation than having three congressional representatives. Apparently I have been wrong on all counts. You wish to divide the city in a divisive manner where we will battle for our area with Compton and others that have nothing to do with Long Beach. Bowing to special interests is terrible when most of them do not live in our area nor have any relation to Long Beach. 19% of the population is African American but 48% is Latino, 13% white and the rest of us about 18% (Asian Pacific). We are a melting pot that needs single representation regardless of the special interests

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sue Stamberger <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sue Stamberger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redrawing district lines

Message Body:

I support an assembly district that includes Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada, Glendale and Burbank, not the district currently being suggested. Our area is more aligned with these communities inso many ways than we would be with the communities in the redrawn district being offered. Thank you. Sue Stamberger

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Maxine Mills <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Maxine Mills <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Zip code 90045

Message Body:

I am writing as a 25 year resident of Westchester 90045. Residents are proud that our neighborhood has retained its "small town" feel in the midst of the great city of Los Angeles. Westchester is much like El Segundo, Playa del Rey, Manhattan Beach and Palos Verdes in its feel and demographic.

For too long this area has had no political voice as it has been lumped in with Inglewood and Lennox in terms of voting districts.

I was very pleased to see that in your draft, Westchester has been returned to a district including the beach cities with which it has so much in common. Your draft has certainly addressed the needs of our community.

It is a pleasure to see common sense prevail over the political gamesmanship we have seen over the last decade.

Thank you, and keep up the good work!

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: cheryl ackermann <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: cheryl ackermann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: moorpark and simi valley

Message Body:

I am strongly opposed to the Congressional map which places the cities of Moorpark & Simi Valley in the the Antelope-Santa Clarita. I am from Moorpark and we have nothing in common with them. Our community is with Thousand Oaks and Camarillo. You have disrespected tight bonded communities and have just attached us somewhere like we don't matter. Well, we do. You should've drawn the lines east-west, not north-south. This is how the communities run. If you must, make a new district of the 4 previous mentioned communities.

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Subject: Please make Long Beach a whole community again

From: jeanine birong <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,
Please make Long Beach one district again.

The most recent census indicates that the racial mix in Long Beach is approximately equally divided among the four major races represented in the area. There is no reason to make a separate district that unequally represents "minorities" in a society that is rapidly becoming one that does not in fact have "minorities" in the true sense of the word. It would be interesting to find out who is funding these so-called minority groups who have coerced (convinced?) you to chart a new, and terribly inferior redistricting proposal.

In addition, the city of Long Beach continues to fail economically. A divided city is one destined to fail, and in fact Long Beach has been suffering for years. It is time for our city to unite with one voice to become a strong community again. A tolerant community is one that is united, not one that is split. Further fracturing our city into three districts will hurt the residents of Long Beach. Currently decisions for the South and East part of town are made by representatives in Orange County who have little concern or knowledge for the needs of Long Beach residents.

Looking at the most recent proposal, one has to ask why is most of west Long Beach being lumped in with Manhattan Beach? What do these constituencies have in common? Nothing.

Long Beach should never have been split in the first place, but now to make it worse? Please consider the real person who lives in and cares about Long Beach.

Please consider our entire community and not just a small part of it when drawing district lines.

I'd also like to point out that your new proposal puts the most corrupt city councils and the worst industrial areas all in one district. I do not see how giving the most corrupt politicians--like those in Compton and Bell-- their own district will help the residents of those communities. Especially when one factors in that some of these communities are "business only" and they will have an unfair sway once they are represented by their "own" politicians. I seriously look at the way these lines are being drawn and wonder of these crooks have given you a bribe, because lets face it..these new districts look pretty darn suspicious. The commissions job was to make fairer districts for the electorate, not make it worse. If you care about residents and communities you will not allow business interests to pass themselves off as minority interests. The commission is being lied to.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Birong

[REDACTED]
Long Beach CA 90815
[REDACTED]

Subject: Please do NOT split tiny South Pasadena into 2 Assembly Districts

From: Marie Miller <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I have lived in South Pasadena for 9 years. The draft Assembly maps, while I am sure well-intended, split our tiny town between two Districts! This will make it very hard for people in South Pasadena to work together on issues, or to even know who their representative is! Plus we have many shared issues with other suburban towns to the north of us, including Pasadena and La Canada. As I understand the maps, at least some South Pasadena would now be moved into a largely urban LA District. Again, this will make it hard to motivate citizens here to get and stay involved! Please reconsider the South Pasadena lines for Assembly--keep our town together and link us to other towns with similar concerns.

Thank you,
Marie

Subject: Please do NOT split tiny South Pasadena into 2 Assembly Districts

From: Kris Calvin <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I have lived in South Pasadena for 10 years and have worked very hard to help young families get active in politics. (I was on the School Board here.) The draft Assembly maps, while I am sure well-intended, split our tiny 3 square mile town between two Districts! This will make it very hard for people to work together on issues, or to even know who their representative is! Plus we have many shared issues with other suburban towns to the north of us, including Pasadena and La Canada. As I understand the maps, at least some South Pasadena would now be moved into a largely urban LA District, which has very different concerns. Again, this will make it hard to motivate citizens here to get and stay involved.

Please reconsider the South Pasadena lines for Assembly--keep our town together and link us to other suburban towns with similar concerns.

Thank you,

Kris

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Kris Calvin

CEO, AAP-CA and

AAP-CA Foundation

[REDACTED]

Subject: Please do not Split Brentwood (in Los Angeles)

From: Steve Katinsky <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:08 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I am in favor of keeping Brentwood as one congressional district. Please do not split our community.

Regards, Steve Katinsky

Brentwood area of Los Angeles



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

June 28, 2011

Diana Nave
President

Robert J. Bryant
Vice President

Craig Goldfarb
Treasurer

George Thompson
Secretary

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 1999, the people of Los Angeles adopted a system of Neighborhood Councils designed to bring government closer to the community. Since that time over 90 Neighborhood Councils have been established throughout Los Angeles, each headed by an elected board. San Pedro has three Neighborhood Councils, of which Northwest San Pedro (NWSPNC), with approximately 20,000 residents, is one.

As a government body, we frequently interact with other elected officials both within the City of Los Angeles and at other levels of government. Representatives from the State Assembly and State Senate offices frequently attend our meetings.

As one of three Neighborhood Councils in San Pedro, we share a great deal of commonality with the other two San Pedro Neighborhood Councils and sometimes act together on issues of common interest including jointly sponsoring candidate forums at election time.

One of the major areas of emphasis of all three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils is our relationship to the Port of Los Angeles, arguably the single most important factor in our community.

Given this history, we were alarmed when we saw the recommended redistricting lines. Not only does it split our neighborhood council into three Assembly Districts, it divides San Pedro into three parts, and separates all of us from the Port of Los Angeles. Rather than considering San Pedro for the historic community with a profound interest in the Port of Los Angeles, it appears that convenience has created this nightmare scenario. With that in mind, the Board of Directors of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council unanimously adopted the attached resolution at a special meeting on June 27, 2011. We trust that you will give due considerations to our concerns.

Sincerely,

s/ Diana Nave
President

Attachments:

- 1) Motion passed unanimously on June 27th, 2011 re: Reapportionment Districts
- 2) NWSPNC Comments on Redistricting

NWSPNC Resolution on Reapportionment Districts

Whereas the residents of San Pedro consider themselves a unified community, and

Whereas the residents of San Pedro share a common bond with the City of Los Angeles, the Port of Los Angeles and the L. A. Unified School District, and

Whereas the residents of the three Neighborhood Councils share common issues and concerns that would be best served by a single Assembly, Senate and Congressional representative, and

Whereas at the least, the residents of each Neighborhood Council have developed a common agenda for their community,

Now therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the proposed boundaries of the Assembly, Senate and Congress, if possible, include all of San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles in a single district; or if impossible, that at the least each of the three neighborhood councils have only one Assembly member, Senator and Member of Congress.

To accomplish this, the Assembly districts should be adjusted so that all of San Pedro and at least the western portion of the Port of Los Angeles are in the same district by adding Lawndale and Del Aire to the LAPVB district and adding West Carson to the LAWBC district. Thus all of San Pedro would be included in the LAIHG district. The Congressional District lines should be shifted slightly to include the Port of Los Angeles with San Pedro in the Palos Verdes Estates-Beach Cities District, or shifted so that San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles are included in the Hawthorne-Gardena-Carson district.

Passed this 27th day of June, 2011.

(Attachment 1)

NWSPNC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

The three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils, the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and the schools within LAUSD all share a common bond and have a relationship that would be significantly diminished with the three proposed AD's. We recommend that all of San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles be kept together in one district. One asset of the councils is the regular visits by legislator representatives, and the close connection it brings to the communities.

Assembly Districts:

LAPVB: ~43,500
LAIHG: ~ 5,400
LAWBC: ~21,100

Recommended Exchanges:

Place all of San Pedro in LAIHG – Unifies all three neighborhood councils and the western side of POLA with each other and the Harbor City / Harbor Gateway councils – all part of Los Angeles.

- LAPVB: Add Lawndale (32,769) & Del Aire (10,001) = 42,770 → Net loss 730
- Lawndale's slogan: the "Heart of the South Bay" – identifies with South Bay cities
 - Del Aire: More closely attached with El Segundo
- LAWBC: Add West Carson (21,699) → Net gain 599
- West Carson would be reunited with Carson.
 - Already grouped together in the Congressional Plan

Subject: No To Re-districting Brentwood

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 8:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dividing Brentwood in half for voting is very bad. My wife and I vote **NO** on this idea.

Robert S. Ruvelson

Doris S. Ruvelson

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: Redistricting: Keep South Pasadena intact as one district

From: david plenn <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:08 AM

To: [REDACTED]

There can't be a single good reason for splitting South Pasadena as two different and distinct districts. I can think of many reasons for NOT doing so. Please keep it so that we're aligned with Pasadena as one district. Thank you.

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Best Regards,

David Plenn

Owner, The Dinosaur Farm

www.dinofarm.com

FORBES' "10 MOST AMAZING TOY STORES" list

[REDACTED]
fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Subject: Redistricting

From: Harry Schwarz <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Committee Members:

I am currently Mayor of Agoura Hills, but am writing as a citizen not as a public official representing our city. Our Senate district has been taken from an east/west, cohesive, compact mountain/coastal district "to" a gerrymandered, north/south, elongated inland district stretching from Malibu through Santa Clarita to the Kern County Line. We have no common transportation corridors, no shared school, water districts, cultural heritage, conservation or planning interests. Clearly, we have no communities of interest with the Santa Clarita Valley, and they agree. These boundary lines pretty much contradict every Commission rule. This "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside" Senate District meets all of the Commission's guidelines. It nests 2 Assembly Districts and encompasses our adjacent, interlocking coastal and mountain communities who share mutual significant, historical, socio-economic, planning, conservation, cultural and education communities of interest. It is geographically succinct/compact. It is coastal, connected by major transportation corridors. Please do not change the existing district. It simply does not make geographical or demographical sense to any of the cities in the "new" district" .

Regards,

Harry Schwarz
Agoura Hills, Ca.

Subject: redistricting South Pasadena

From: Mindy Blum <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hello. I have no doubt that you are engaged in such a horrendously challenging task, yet I feel I must speak out about the current plan to divide our little town (population of 25,500) of South Pasadena. People choose to live in S. Pasadena because it maintains a certain value system with respect to small town life and the importance of family & children. While we may not all be in sync politically, there are many core issues that unite us. By dividing S. Pasadena in the middle, S. Pasadena will lose it's voice & it's identity. It is really critical that S. Pasadena stays together as a district, maintaining its voice. I urge you to consider this strongly.

Sincerely,

Mindy J. Blum

[REDACTED]
S. Pasadena, CA 91030

Subject: Redistricting of south pasadena

From: Peacklk <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:17 AM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Do not split South Pasadena. This is bad business for all communities involved.

Lisa Kalem

Sent from my iPhone

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June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
[REDACTED]

RE: Pledged support for redistricting principles

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After proper consideration, the Motion carried.

Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Cary Iaccino
Chair, Reseda Neighborhood Council

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Cary Iaccino
Chair, Reseda Neighborhood Council

Subject: Redistricting in Long Beach

From: "John Newell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:42 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please don't split the city of Long Beach up into several congressional districts. The city needs to be kept as a whole and represented by a single voter elected official.

Thank you
John Newell
Long Beach Resident

Send to: Citizens Redistricting Commission 901 P Street, Suite 154-A Sacramento, CA 95814 Fax: (916)

[REDACTED]
My name is Ernestine Mansour and I am live/work in the community of_South East Area Vernon City, Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, SouthGate, BellGardens, Boyle Heights East LA, Commerce, Pico Union and part of China Town.

The Commission's maps affect my representation in the following way: in the way they excluded our cities of the Southeast areas. We have always bee for our communities and we had worked to stay together for the needs of our voters too. In others we want to be together because we know our needs and we need our State legislators such as our assembly representatives and Congress representatives.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):, South East Area Vernon City, Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Bell Gardens, Boyle Heights East LA, Commerce, Pico Union and part of China Town.

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods): Los Angeles, ChinaTown, Bellflower, Downey

My recommendation is that the Commission removes the following communities from my district: Bellflower, Downey

My recommendation is that the Commission keep following communities from my district: South East Area Vernon City, Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Bell Gardens, Boyle Heights East LA, Commerce, Pico Union and part of China Town.

I can be reached at (add phone or email) [REDACTED]

Signature: *Ernestine Mansour*

Date__June 28,2011__

Subject: Re: NWSPNC Resolution on Reapportionment Districts

From: John Greenwood <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:15 AM

To: John Stammreich <[REDACTED]>

CC: [REDACTED] Diana Nave <[REDACTED]>

Perfect. Thanks John.

On Tue, Jun 28, 2011 at 10:25 AM, John Stammreich <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) President, Diana Nave, and our elected board members, the attached letter includes our resolution and comments regarding the reapportioned districts and their impact on the San Pedro community.

We thank you for the difficult task of completing the reapportionment in the best interests of as all Californians, and sincerely offer our resolution as a recommendation in the best interests of the approximately 20,000 stakeholders we have been elected to represent.

Please do not hesitate to contact our council at [REDACTED] or you may contact me directly at either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if we can be of any assistance in continued discussions regarding anticipated district representation for the San Pedro community.

Very Best Regards,

John Stammreich, Board Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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John Greenwood

Subject: re: first draft maps

From: Randi Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:50 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Rebecca Catterall [REDACTED]

TO: THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

As a 20-year Topanga resident and a 15-year Santa Monica resident before that, I wish to express my dismay at your proposed Senate district. While your maps are almost impossible to decipher and make sense of, it is clear to me that you are proposing dividing up the Santa Monica Mountains and linked us with the Santa Clarita area. If this plan is finalized, it will be extremely difficult to develop sane environmental policies, protecting our watersheds, finding fire safety strategies and implementing public park budgets for the mountains.

Finding common priorities with Santa Clarita will become unnecessarily time-consuming and energy-draining for our State Senator and his/her staff.

Please review your first drafts and reconsider Senate District LASCV. It would be most beneficial to fold the Santa Monica Assembly Districts into the larger Senate District.

I realize that you are faced with an incredibly complicated job. Thank you very much for your diligent work in developing sensible districts throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Randi Johnson

Subject: re districting!

From: Margie Clark <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:04 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts – LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LACSV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland – West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts – Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clark

[REDACTED]

Studio City Ca., 91604

Subject: Comment on the 53D AD redistricting lines

From: Marta Evry <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am a current resident of the 53d AD. I have a concern regarding the northern boundary of the 53D AD as currently proposed. As proposed, the northern border straddles the Ballona Creek channel, effectively separating Marina del Rey from the Ballona wetlands.

I think this is a terrible mistake.

Marina del Rey has always been connected in terms of water quality concerns with the areas to the south, not to the north. The Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, directly to the south, affects the water quality in the Marina. The main swimming beach in the Marina has long term pollution problems and the outfall from Ballona Creek also contributes to water quality problems. It is critical that our Assemblymember and our Senator in Sacramento understand and represent the water quality issues involved in these connections.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Marta Evry
Community Organizer

[REDACTED]

June 28, 2011

Attention: Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As an original resident of the unincorporated area of Westhills, nestled between Bell Canyon and Hidden Hills, I have deep concerns regarding proposed redistricting of the Senate and Congressional districts.

I am also a charter member of the Calabasas Historical Society since 1979 and have served on the Calabasas Historic Commission for the past two years and have been appointed for an additional two years. The foundation of my interest is in the immediate area encompassing the Santa Monica Mountains and the surrounding areas, including unincorporated Los Angeles County, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Malibu and Woodland Hills, etc. These are primarily the communities stretched east and west parallel to the coast, NOT STRETCHING into Santa Clarita and also into Kern County. Even the historical continuity of the area stretches in the same way. The neighboring communities have more in common than those communities in the northern area of Los Angeles County and even stretching into Kern County.

The committee needs to relook at the redistricting proposal on the table. (LASCV) and definitely consider the plan (WLADT) It only makes sense for the lines to be drawn to include existing water districts, educational district lines, etc.

Please keep our communities intact and our political base united.

Thank You,

Arlene E. Bernholtz, Charter member Calabasas Historical Society, Member of the Calabasas Historical Preservation Commission

[REDACTED]

Westhills, CA 91307 (this is in UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY-NOTE SPELLING IS ONE WORD)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cell

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


Calabasas, CA 91302
June 22, 2011

Re: Comments on draft Assembly, State Senate, and congressional maps

Dear Commissioners,

These comments on the draft redistricting maps grow out of twenty years' experience as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Calabasas, twenty-five years experience as the Senate Rules Committee appointee to the Public Advisory Committee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which comments on a wide range of land use proposals in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, over forty years' experience of teaching American History and Government at Los Angeles Valley College in Van Nuys, and thirty-five years of active involvement in a wide range of community activities throughout much of southern California.

At the time of the April 30th hearing in San Fernando, the draft maps were not yet available, This additional testimony is devoted primarily to comments on those maps.

THE VENTURA FREEWAY CORRIDOR

I am pleased to see the "WEST SFV" Assembly map and the lower half of the "LASCV" Senate map return to a mapping feature that was originally found in the 1991 "judge-made" redistricting maps. Both maps include the entire Ventura Freeway (101) Corridor from North Hollywood to Thousand Oaks in the same map.

The Ventura Freeway is the transportation "backbone" of the southern San Fernando Valley and the Conejo Valley (Thousand Oaks) to the west. Commuters, employers, and businesses throughout the region depend on the health of this Freeway to get them and their customers and employees to work every day. It makes good sense to have as much of the 101 "roadshed" as possible in districts where the residents must depend on this Freeway.

Today users of the Ventura Freeway not only follow a conventional eastbound morning rush and a westbound evening rush; there is also a "reverse rush hour" that is usually heavier than the traditional inbound morning and outbound evening rush hours. Today the heaviest traffic is westbound in the morning and eastbound in the evening due to the increasing number of employment centers in Ventura County that draw many of their employees from the San Fernando Valley.

The Ventura Freeway is a critical lifeline for Ventura County and the South San Fernando Valley. The district(s) adjoining this Freeway should continue to be drawn with this important "roadshed" in mind, as seems to have been done here in most cases.

“Z” TRAFFIC

There are a couple of other traffic patterns that should be considered in drafting district boundaries. One is known locally as “Z Traffic”. It grows out of the fact that the rugged east-west ridges and north-south canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains are major obstacles to traffic movement once you leave the relatively gentle topography of the 101 Corridor.

Nevertheless, residents of Ventura County and the Las Virgenes Area of Los Angeles County seem to find that leaving the 101 at Las Virgenes Road and going down Malibu Canyon to Pacific Coast Highway and then easterly to employment centers in West Los Angeles works better for them than staying on the 101 through the San Fernando Valley and using the 405.

This means there are a significant number of Ventura and western Los Angeles County residents whose ability to get to and from their places of employment in West Los Angeles is affected by traffic conditions in Malibu Canyon, the City of Malibu, and the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica. The Commission should consider the impact of this information on its redistricting decisions.

If you picture commuting in the Malibu-Las Virgenes area as a “Z” or even a square rather than an east-west line, the importance to inland commuters of district boundaries that include the “roadsheds” of both the 101 Freeway, Pacific Coast Highway, and the important cross-mountain roads such as Malibu Canyon and Topanga Canyon should become apparent.

The “WEST SFV” draft map does include the major Santa Monica Mountain canyons, but it omits the 21-mile-long coastal City of Malibu, which is included with the cities of the 101 Freeway Corridor on the “LASCV” map. The City of Malibu is not overly accommodating to visitors and outside traffic. To encourage the City to facilitate the movement of commuters passing through the City, it might be well to make sure Malibu is placed in the “WEST SFV” Assembly map as well as the “LASCV” map.

THE PROBLEM OF SANTA CLARITA

I’m sure the Commission has already heard a great deal about the “LASCV” map that links the Las Virgenes area to Santa Clarita. In order to get to Santa Clarita from my home, I must first drive east thirteen miles on the 101, then I must turn 90 degrees and go north ten miles on the 405 and then northwest another ten miles on the I-5. There is no public transportation from my home to Santa Clarita. My neighbors don’t go there for employment, shopping, or social activities. There are literally hundreds of thousands of offices and stores between here and there.

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The I-5 going north to Santa Clarita passes through very rugged mountain country as soon as it leaves the San Fernando Valley. In fact, going west on the I-5 north of the San Fernando Valley, there is only one east-west road – State Highway 126. There are no north-south roads west of the I-5 north of Simi Valley for 105 miles except for Highway 33, a mountain road north of Ojai. There are reasons why my neighbors and I don't go to Santa Clarita very much.

I realize the Commission has a very difficult task that requires weighing and harmonizing a number of complex goals, but, even allowing for this difficult task, the northern half of "LASCV" looks a great deal like an old fashioned "gerrymander" with the two halves of the district connected by only a narrow neck of land that can't be more than a few hundred yards wide. This means that whoever ends up representing this Senate district will have to choose between locating his district office either in Santa Clarita or in the southern San Fernando Valley. In either case, in a district that may be fifty or sixty miles long, a significant portion of the constituents will find it difficult to get to the district office to meet with their representative and discuss their concerns. This would not be a problem if the district were more compact.

Another problem with "gerrymanders" frequently came to my attention during over forty years of teaching American History and Government. When a district is badly gerrymandered, citizens – especially students – have difficulty figuring out who their elected representatives are. This blunts their enthusiasm for participation in government and reinforces their apathy toward the democratic process. Please ask yourselves if the presumed benefits of this particular "gerrymander" – if any - outweigh the obvious disadvantages of the oddly-shaped district mentioned above.

Other than the major problems created by its contorted shape, "LASCV" retains a few benefits. It takes in the 101 Freeway Corridor from North Hollywood to Thousand Oaks and it does include the City of Malibu, part of the LVMCOG group of cities, that should not have been left out of the WEST SFV draft Assembly map.

LASCV also includes the western half of the Santa Monica Mountains, including the most important part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

PARK USER CONSTITUENCIES

The Santa Monica Mountains, like the Angeles National Forest, serve an important open space and recreational need for the 10,000,000-plus residents of the Los Angeles region. The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System, was authorized by Congress in 1978 after a long citizen campaign. It has since expanded to about

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23,000 acres. About 35,000 additional acres belongs to the California State Park System and thousands of more acres are administered by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, another state park agency. All this makes the Santa Monica Mountains an important visitor destination and a focus of citizen concern, both among those who choose to live in the area and those who live elsewhere in the region and wish to use the parks for recreation.

I realize parks and open space are not a direct concern of the Commission, but the Commission should be aware of their existence within the proposed state and congressional districts and of the existence of constituencies of park users that live in adjoining urban areas and should be considered in drawing district boundaries. (Parks are shown in green on some of the enclosed maps). Strong park support constituencies have existed in the Santa Monica Mountains since at least the 1960's and have spearheaded the movement to create the large number of state and national parks we have today. These "distinct communities of interest" are not limited to the Santa Monica Mountains proper, but also include adjoining urban areas with park user populations in the south and west San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Venice, Malibu, Topanga and the Las Virgenes area. (See the April 30, 2011 letter to the Commission from the City of Calabasas, for an official statement of the City's view of the Santa Monica Mountains), and Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Valley.

If the Commission includes within the final Assembly, Senate, and congressional maps some of the above areas with significant populations of park users, it will provide those populations with a greater voice in legislative and congressional decisions affecting the parks they use than if park user populations were scattered at random through many districts.

Two draft congressional districts contain substantial portions of the Santa Monica Mountains park user constituency. "W. LA-DOWNTOWN" contains Topanga and Brentwood, which contain significant park user populations, while "EASTVENT DETAIL", where the major part of the state and federal park holdings are located, also contains large populations of park users and supporters in the Las Virgenes, Thousand Oaks, and Malibu areas.

The "WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY" draft district includes areas of the south and west San Fernando Valley that are park user areas, but it also includes part of Santa Clarita.

Most seriously, the "WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY" draft district separates the CITY OF CALABASAS from the rest of the LAS VIRGENES AREA, making it more difficult for local cities, the Las Virgenes Unified School District and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to act in concert on federal issues affecting their agencies.

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THE LAS VIRGENES AREA QUALIFIES AS A “DISTINCT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST”

Part of the 101 FREEWAY CORRIDOR is an area known locally as the “LAS VIRGENES AREA”. It consists of the four incorporated cities of CALABASAS, HIDDEN HILLS, AGOURA HILLS and WESTLAKE VILLAGE and about 100 square miles of unincorporated rural communities and park land in western Los Angeles County. The Las Virgenes area is bounded by Ventura County on the north and west, the City of Los Angeles on the east, and the City of Malibu on the south. Residents of the Las Virgenes area enjoy many urban amenities and work and shop in adjoining urban areas, but they do not necessarily identify themselves and their communities as part of the San Fernando Valley.

Instead, Las Virgenes residents identify with the land around them. That’s why their testimony is sometimes about parks and watersheds and mountains and oak trees. The testimony read to you by Calabasas Mayor Pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer at your April 30th hearing is an example of this and the official position of the City of Calabasas on redistricting.

Mayor Pro Tem Maurer’s testimony speaks of Calabasas as “a unique, identifiable community best known as the Gateway to the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains”. It discusses the “ ... various governmental, economic, and environmental organizations that link Calabasas to our neighboring communities”, including, in addition to the Las Virgenes Unified School District, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the Las Virgenes – Malibu Council of Governments, the Lost Hills Sheriff Station, the Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.”

Mayor Pro Tem Maurer goes on to tell the Commission, “ ... We strongly request that our city be part of a district that includes the other mountainous communities of Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County within the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga, and portions of the West San Fernando Valley, including Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, and West Hills.”

The words of Mayor Pro Tem Maurer’s testimony make it clear that Calabasas, and the rest of the Las Virgenes area, considers itself to be a “DISTINCT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST”.

As can be seen by the enclosed comparative list, the public agencies that provide services to residents of Calabasas and the rest of the Las Virgenes area are distinct and separate from the agencies of the City of Los Angeles that provide comparable services to residents of the San Fernando Valley. Nothing could make it clearer that the Las Virgenes area should be treated as a distinct community in its own right rather than as an appendage of the Valley.

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If the several public agencies that provide public services to residents of the Las Virgenes area are completely distinct and separate from their counterparts in the San Fernando Valley section of the City of Los Angeles and their counterparts in Ventura County and the City of Thousand Oaks, then the LAS VIRGENES AREA is by definition a “DISTINCT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST”, and should not be divided during redistricting.

This is important, for if our individual cities or our relatively small community as a whole are divided among different state and federal election districts, it weakens our ability to represent our community’s interests in Sacramento and Washington.

Furthermore, when a portion of the Las Virgenes area – as defined in the first paragraph on page five – is put in a different district from the rest of the Las Virgenes area, it means the ability of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the Malibu-Las Virgenes Council of Governments, and our individual cities to represent their agency interests in Washington or Sacramento is divided and weakened accordingly.

In general, the draft maps and the other actions of the Commission have recognized the cities and unincorporated communities of the Las Virgenes area as being collectively a “Distinct Community of Interest”. But there is one glaring exception that needs to be corrected.

The EASTVENT DETAIL map shows the entire Santa Monica Mountains west of Topanga and adjoining park user areas in Ventura County, Malibu, and the Las Virgenes area cities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village as being in the same draft congressional district, but, for some reason, the cities of Calabasas and Hidden Hills are left out of EASTVENT DETAIL and placed in the WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY district in defiance of the request by Calabasas Mayor Pro Tem Maurer at the April 30 hearing that “We strongly request that our city be part of a district that includes the other mountainous communities of Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County within the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga ... ” (these words are underlined in the original Calabasas April 30th testimony.)

Calabasas and Hidden Hills are combined with Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains as per Mayor Pro Tem Maurer’s request on behalf of Calabasas in the WEST SFV and LASCV maps. Why has the Commission now decided to separate Calabasas and Hidden Hills from Agoura Hills and Westlake Village and the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains in the EASTVENT and WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY maps in defiance of the expressed wishes of the City of Calabasas?

David M. Brown



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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) thanks the commission and its staff for their hard work developing the first draft maps of Congressional, Senate, and Assembly Districts. Overall, CAUSE commends the commission for recognizing Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities and bringing them together within districts.

CAUSE submits comments directed at two regions in Los Angeles County: San Gabriel Valley and South Bay.

San Gabriel Valley

With respect to San Gabriel Valley, CAUSE's guiding principle is to keep the cities within San Gabriel Valley together. CAUSE has spent 20 years working to increase the civic involvement of Asians within this region. From our experience, we have found that the San Gabriel Valley share much in common.

With this guiding principle in mind, CAUSE offers two comments:

1) Maintain the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar and AD West San Gabriel Valley. These two districts group many cities of interest; CAUSE believes the residents of these cities share much in common with one another and would be well served by being in the same district. Below are data from the US Census on the cities within these districts. They share similar characteristics, including education level, median family income, and percent of Asians.

City/Unincorporated Area	% with at least a Bachelor degree	Median family income (\$1000)	% of Families below poverty level	% Asian
Alhambra	31.6	62	11.1	50
Monterey Park	28.7	62	9	65
San Gabriel	29.4	59	12.1	57.6
San Marino	75.3	174	1.5	50.4
Arcadia	50	94	6.8	54.9
Rosemead	13.8	49	11.7	58
Temple City	32.2	71	5.8	52.6
East San Gabriel	42.5	78	5.1	48.5
Walnut	47.6	105	3.8	60

Diamond Bar	47.6	99	2.5	50
Hacienda Heights	33.1	76	5.5	37
Rowland Heights	33.8	68	9.4	55

2) Expand east the SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel. Having worked extensively in the San Gabriel Valley, CAUSE believes that the commission's proposed boundaries for SD Los Angeles West San Gabriel combines two distinct and different communities within this SD. Examining US Census data, the characteristics are stark.

CRC's proposed Senate District Los Angeles West San Gabriel Valley				
City/Unincorporated Area	% with at least a Bachelor degree	Median family income (\$1000)	% of Families below poverty level	% Asian
Alhambra	31.6	62	11.1	50
Monterey Park	28.7	62	9	65
San Gabriel	29.4	59	12.1	57.6
San Marino	75.3	174	1.5	50.4
Arcadia	50	94	6.8	54.9
Rosemead	13.8	49	11.7	58
South Pasadena	63.4	102	6.1	30
Temple City	32.2	71	5.8	52.6
East San Gabriel	42.5	78	5.1	48.5
East LA	4.6	37	23	.7
Vernon	22.6	85	0	11
Montebello	16.9	55	13.4	10
Commerce	6	51	13.8	1
Maywood	4.6	39	20	.6
Huntington Park	6.3	37	22	.6
Bell	3.8	39	20	.5
Bell Gardens	4.2	39	23	.6
Cudahy	4.2	62	22	.6
South Gate	6.4	45	16.7	.7

Based upon this table, the northern part of the commission's proposed senate district hardly resembles the southern part of this district. Instead, the commission should revise this district to resemble the commission's proposed lines for CD East San Gabriel Valley Diamond Bar. Because Senate Districts are slightly larger than Congressional Districts, the commission should consider including the cities of South Pasadena, Chino Hills, and Brea. As a result, the senate district would share many similar interests and characteristics.

CAUSE's proposed Senate District San Gabriel Valley				
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Hacienda Heights	33.1	76	5.5	37
Rowland Heights	33.8	68	9.4	55
Chino Hills	42.4	107	3.4	29
Brea	41.4	92	3.3	15
South Pasadena	63.4	102	6.1	30

South Bay

Similarly, CAUSE's guiding principle is to keep the cities within the South Bay together. CAUSE supports the commission's proposed CD Palos Verdes Estates Beach Cities boundaries. With the inclusion of the Peninsula, Torrance, and the Beach Cities, the commission captured the geographic essence of the region. Many people within this region consider themselves residents of the South Bay. The commission should honor the identity of this region by keeping its proposed boundaries for this congressional district.

Again, CAUSE thanks the Commission for its consideration. If you should have any further questions, please call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Charlie Woo
Chair

Subject: Ca Citizens Redistricting Commission/SFV Maps

From: Irene Tovar <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:39 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I have lived,worked and been active in the San Fernando Valley(SFV) all of my life. I have reviewed the Commission's First Maps for the SFV Congressional,State Senate and Assembly and I STRONGLY DISAGREE with the inclusion of the Sunland/Tujunga/Las Tuna Cyn in these maps. Their "community of interest" dramatically differ in its social/economics,values, interest,priorities and history. Is more rural with horse stalls and trails(they are known as horse people) as opposed to the concentrated Latino population. The LA TIMES in an article identified it with the Verdugo area. I PROPSE that the Congressional map be a Voter Right Act Sec 2 and that all three maps remove Sunland/Tujunga/Las Tuna Cyn. Move west to Canoga Park and south to include all of North Hollywood. I have also reviewed the maps of the Chinese American Alliance and the Mexican American Legal and Educational Fund and they best reflect the criteria of "community of interest" and the Voter Rights Act. These would provide FAIR REPRESENTATION for Latinos. As a native Californian I am shocked with the Commission's First Draft Maps for California because it severly diminishes the opportunity for political representation for Latinos in light of their population growth in this last decade which accounted for 90% of the TOTAL population growth in California. I'M ASKING THAT THE COMMISSION RECONSIDER THOSE DRAFTS SO THAT THEY REFLECT THE DUAL MISSION IT WAS MANDATED BY LAW. Irene Tovar [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mission Hills Ca 91345

Subject: 90049

From: Gremi Joffe <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:12 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

It has come to my attention that 90049 area is about to be split in two. I find this to be a ridiculous idea and would hope that our district can stay together. We should all be ONE COMMUNITY!!! Don't we have more important things to worry about? Like all the homeless that are around the VA – why don't you put your resources toward working for the the poor Vets that have donated their lives to our country. There are many other issues, but too numerous to mention. But I really feel that your time and energy should be put to saving our neighborhood and keeping us as one.

Thanks and I hope you will see the logic and the light.

Mr and Mrs Selwyn Joffe and Family
2687 Cordelia Road, LA CA 90049

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Ventura County Gerrymandering

From: "Ann Telling" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 8:47 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

We need to be with other than Los Angeles County and our city needs to be kept whole and not split apart by efforts to divide and conquer. I have nothing in common with the San Fernando Valley and do not believe anyone could or would represent us that caters to the Valley. It is time to stop the Gerrymandering and the corruption that goes with it.

Sincerely,

Ann Telling

[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Subject: Testimony Regarding Los Angeles' Pico Union

From: Unai Montes-Irueste <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:36 AM

To: [REDACTED]

In the middle of the twentieth century, journalist Carl Rowan, mused, "It is often easier to become outraged by injustice half a world away than by oppression and discrimination half a block from home." For some time now, our energy and attention have belonged to the movement to end the war on immigrants and our children. We've organized on the ground and online in favor of the Dream Act, comprehensive immigration reform, and in opposition to Arizona's SB 1070, Indiana's SB 590, Georgia's HB 87, Alabama's HB 87, to name a few. Well, now the war has come home..

On Friday, June 10, following a series of 14-0 votes, the Citizens Redistricting Commission released its first round of draft maps. Unless these drafts are redrawn, California Latinos will be robbed of the Congressional and Legislative representation we deserve—despite the fact that these draft maps were drawn using the very same Census data that attributes 90% of California's population growth between 2000 and 2010 to Latino youth and migrants. The Commission has only found fit, for instance, to establish just seven "Latino opportunity districts," out of fifty-three sets of boundaries for those that are to be elected to the House of Representatives. This is an awfully low blow considering Latinos comprise nearly 40% of total statewide population, and that without our growing numbers, the number of seats set aside for Californians in Congress would have otherwise diminished. I'm asking the Commission to redraw its maps using boundaries suggested by nonpartisan civil rights groups such as MALDEF. I simply refuse to forfeit the protections the Voting Rights Act affords to California's Latinos.

As a member of the Alliance for a Better Community's education policy team, I am fortunate to work in coalition with a great number of nonprofits committed to local, statewide, and federal policies informed by the right of every student to receive the rigorous and relevant education needed for success in college and career. In Los Angeles, this work roots us deeply in communities working tirelessly to overcome the achievement gaps that often plague students from families orbiting the poverty line, populated by English language learners, displaced by diminished housing options, and/or void of micro-investment to generate jobs, support small business owners; in any way supplement the livelihood of neighborhood residents. Each day, I remind education policymakers of abolitionist Wendell Philips' words, "Governments exist to protect the rights of minorities. The loved and rich need no protection—they have many friends and few enemies." I now ask the Commission to remember them as well.

We were founded to serve, and remain located in Los Angeles' Pico Union. The Assembly map proposed clusters us with Miracle Mile. The Congressional map proposed clusters us with Melrose, Beverly Crest, Hollywood Hills, and Pacific Palisades. Since this did not

immediately trigger cognitive dissonance in the minds of all fourteen Commissioners, please allow me to highlight some points for reflection:

First, Pico Union has more children as a percentage of the population than these other areas. Our youth, regardless of citizenship status, were counted in the Census used to draw the proposed maps. The needs of a child in Pico Union are no less important than the needs of a voting age adult in Beverly Hills. And although many Pico Union youth will turn 18 between now and the drawing of district lines following the 2020 Census, and exercise their right as US born or naturalized citizens to vote, the probability that their needs will actually be met by an Assembly Member or Congressperson serving the boundaries of the proposed maps, has been nullified with undeniable certainty.

Second, Pico Union has more immigrants, and persons living in temporary housing as a percentage of the population than these other areas. Immigrants pay taxes, obey laws, and contribute to the economy, but are not voters. Persons considered homeless, or living in temporary housing, cannot vote unless they are able to provide addresses on their voter registration forms. These two populations were counted in the Census used to draw the proposed maps. These two populations need highly effective and focused advocates in Sacramento and D.C., but, the boundaries suggested, make this highly improbable. While clearly contributing to the number of residents an Assembly Member or Congressperson is expected to have in his/her district, the proposed maps tell these populations to expect no influence whatsoever over the decisions their Assembly Member or Congressperson makes.

Third, Pico Union has been disproportionately impacted by the lingering effect of recent global economic downturns and the conversion of family housing into properties designed to encourage gentrification. Like Koreatown, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Eagle Rock, El Sereno, and other communities forming a horseshoe around the Downtown business center, an examination of Census data reveals that a majority of Census tracts in these communities saw population displacement between 2000 and 2010. Where skyscrapers were found, Los Angeles saw construction and investment in commercial properties such as L.A. Live. In Pico Union and similar communities bordering Downtown, small businesses went under, buildings fell into neglect, lines of credit for entrepreneurs dried up, work opportunities disappeared, and direct investment went away. Residential units were introduced or renovated solely as speculative ventures to attract purchasers or renters from outside of the community. Exaggerated price points and bureaucratic access barriers created moats around gentrified castles, offering lavish square footage per unit, and high-end amenities, including private security services to keep neighborhood residents out.

The maps currently proposed by the Citizens Redistricting Commission represent nothing less severe than a death sentence for communities like Pico Union. The Voting Rights Act prohibits drawing district lines that dwindle down the influence of any protected population to a level below its proportion of the populace, and potential impact as a voting-block. Yet, this is precisely what the Commission's maps do to

Latinos all across the State of California. While philosophically objectionable, they establish representative boundaries that stack the deck against communities with greater numbers of children, immigrants, and homeless persons. While fundamentally anti-democratic, they writ large reduce the potential Congressional and Legislative representation of California Latinos, despite the fact that we comprise 3 million out of the 3.3 million people who were born in, or moved to California between 2000 and 2010.

The Commission must rely on nonpartisan civil rights groups such as MALDEF, and redraw its maps.

Subject: Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 9:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]

South Brentwood Residents Association

149 South Barrington Ave. #194

Los Angeles, California 90049

June 28, 2011

Via email: votersf [REDACTED]

Re: Redistricting:

Brentwood 90049 boundaries

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association (SBRA). SBRA represents approximately 3,000 home-owners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela and west of Federal. Additionally, SBRA represents the interests of residents living in multi-family dwellings *throughout the entire Brentwood community* and we are immediate neighbors of the Veterans Administration and interact with them on a regular basis.

Brentwood presently functions as a cohesive community and we ask that all areas of 90049, including the Veterans Administration, are in the same district so that all our residents, who share the same issues, concerns and neighborhoods, will have one representative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marylin Krell

Marylin Krell,
President, SBRA

— Attachments: —

SBRA redistrictng letter 6.11.pdf

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Jerry Clebanoff <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:32 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jerry Clebanoff <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

Message Body:

Thank you for keeping the San Fernando Valley together. At a very early stage, your Commission talked about splitting off the northwest San Fernando Valley and putting it with an Antelope Valley seat. Your first maps abandoned that. Thank you.

I looked at your website and you have now put the communities that make up the San Fernando Valley up on your visualization map. Thank you. Our communities are as important to us as city lines are to people who live in medium and small-sized cities. If you're going to try not to split Eureka, then don't rip Reseda. Respect Reseda.

The Valley Redistricting Coalition, spearheaded by VICA, has submitted an excellent congressional plan to you. It minimizes the splitting of the communities of the San Fernando Valley. Please use it.

Finally, as wonderful as the VICA map is, please try to add to the West San Fernando Valley district the communities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village, right up to the Los Angeles County line. As you know, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservation District includes Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and most of Tarzana and Woodland Hills and a major part of Encino. As you know, the Las Virgenes School District includes Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and a portion of the San Fernando Valley community in the city of Los Angeles called West Hills.

Thank you for respecting the Valley. Thank you for respecting the neighborhoods of the San Fernando Valley. Go with the VICA plan for districts, especially congressional districts, but try to add Agoura Hills and Westlake Village to the West San Fernando Valley congressional district.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Studio City

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

We fully support the position of John Walker, President of the Studio City Neighborhood Council. Studio City must be placed entirely in a district with common interest communities and kept in one district.

Thank you,

Allan & Lisa Sarkin

[REDACTED]

Studio City, CA 91604

[REDACTED]

Subject: Studio City Resident Weighing In On Redistricting

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 9:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to address the issue of redistricting, a subject about which I am very passionate. Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts – LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LACSV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland – West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts – Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts.

Thank you for considering keeping our communities of interest together throughout the redistricting process!

Sincerely,

Kathy Hassett

[REDACTED]
Studio City, CA 91604

[REDACTED]

Subject: South Pasadena

From: Lauren Black <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi! I am a resident of South Pasadena. I understand that South Pasadena is at risk of being split into 2 Assembly districts. Please do not do this! We are very small, and we need to be united so that our concerns are at least considered. I appreciate your consideration -- and thanks for the work that you do!

Lauren Black

[REDACTED]
South Pasadena CA

Subject: South Pasadena Unified!!!

From: Deb McCurdy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern,

Redistricting and splitting up our town, South Pasadena, will only serve to water down the democracy we all hold so dearly. We are a very small, tight knit community. How can we effectively advocate for ourselves, our children, our city if we are split up? The answer is, we can't! We are one.

Please consider the above and PLEASE do not lump us with cities and towns we have little in common with.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Deb McCurdy

[REDACTED]
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Subject: South Pasadena Redistricting

From: Jack and Marian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a long-time resident of the beautiful town of South Pasadena. With fewer than 25,000 residents, we are a close-knit, tiny community. I was disturbed to hear that the plans to redesign the district lines would split our small town in two. This would cause confusion as to who our representative is and would interfere with city-wide decision making on issues. **It makes no sense to split such a small town in half!** Please, please reconsider this decision and allow our town to be grouped with other cities who may share our small-town concerns.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Marian Sunabe
[REDACTED]

Subject: South Pasadena Redistricting

From: Richard Leddy <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 9:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

It has come to my understanding that the California Redistricting Commission is considering splitting South Pasadena into two Assembly districts. Given the size of South Pasadena, this doesn't seem to make much sense. To bunch part of South Pasadena with part of a much larger Los Angeles Assembly district really doesn't serve our community. We have much more in common interests with communities north of us and should be linked with them. As stated before, South Pasadena is about 3.5 square miles with a population of only 25,000. It really doesn't make sense to divide this community like this. Please reconsider.

R. Leddy

Subject: South Pasadena Assembly District

From: Peter Manzo <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena to ask that you please keep South Pasadena wholly within one Assembly district or another, and not split across two districts.

As you may be aware, this community is very tight knit and has continually fought to preserve its integrity. We have a school district that works, and because of our mix of multi-family and single family housing, offers a diversity of income and ethnic/cultural backgrounds that is hard to find in other excellent districts that are far more heavily zoned for (expensive) single family homes. We also have spent decades fighting efforts to split our town into two through extension of the 710 Freeway project.

South Pasadena residents are very vocal and active, and I believe they would be very upset and mobilized if our town was split across two districts.

Please do not hesitate to write or call me with any questions or comments. Below is my contact information, for identification purposes only.

Very truly yours,

Pete Manzo

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Peter Manzo | President & CEO | United Ways of California

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Peter Manzo
[REDACTED]

Subject: South Pasadena - Please do NOT split South Pasadena into two state Assembly Districts

From: Tracy Green <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:52 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

I am a South Pasadena, California resident. I am on the Executive Board of the the South Pasadena Middle School PTA, just completed a 3-year term on the Board of AYSO Region 214 (South Pasadena/San Marino) and a 3-year term on the Executive Board of the Arroyo Vista Elementary PTA in South Pasadena. I also coach Little League for my son's team. Further, I am an attorney practicing here in California for 20 years and have an office in downtown Los Angeles. I South Pasadena is a town of approximately 3 square miles. I am currently on the Board of California Association for Naturopathic Doctors since I practice health care law in my practice and just completed a three year term on a national legal association (the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) since I am very familiar with health care fraud legal issues. I mention my background since I would not send an email unless I believed it to be important to the constituents here in South Pasadena and I am familiar with the local issues here in South Pasadena and statewide.

I strongly urge the Commission Members to not split South Pasadena into state Assembly Districts. Our town is small to begin with, what little representation our small town has will be cut in half, and voters will be confused about who even represents them. Moreover, we are not in the same District as Pasadena, where many of South Pasadena residents work, have kids in private school and where we share some of the same issues due to our geographical proximity.

I know that I speak for a lot of residents who may not even know of this vote. I did not know of it until a friend told me about it on Facebook and I consider myself someone who stays on top of issues. So please consider my request and pay attention to this issue during your vote.

Feel free to contact or email me.

Respectfully,

Tracy Green

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Tracy Green & Henry Moravec

[REDACTED]
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Home: [REDACTED]

Office Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2nd email)

Subject: Resdistricting in the Santa Monica Mts.

From: Rosi Dagit <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Fellow Californians,

I greatly appreciate the time and energy you have devoted to the development of political boundaries with the goal of coordinating communities of interest. However, based on the draft maps under circulation at the moment, the Santa Monica Mountains, our transportation corridors, but most essentially our watersheds are hopelessly broken up into 2 or more jurisdictions. We have no communities of interest with Santa Clarita: no common transportation corridors, schools, water districts, cultural heritage, or conservation planning interests. The "LASCV: State Senate district proposed does not work at all.

The existing boundaries for State Senate and Assembly Districts keep most of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area under one district, and the congressional as well. As a biologist who has worked in the mountains for over 20 years, coordinating restoration efforts, the ability to work closely with one representative at each level has been critical to our success.

I am most concerned with the division of the Topanga Creek Watershed at the Los Angeles City/County Boundary. The entire Topanga Creek watershed is a very strong community of interest, not only from the human perspective, but as the last remaining functional watershed supporting the appropriate suite of plants and animals left in the Santa Monica Mountains. Topanga Creek remains one of the few places supporting endangered fishes, which require a high level of natural integrity in order to survive. Millions of dollars of public funds have been spent protecting, restoring and preserving this critical resource. At the very least, the entire watershed needs to be within one political district on all levels.

I also support the revision proposed for the Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside Senate District map. This meets all of the guidelines and constraints, and accurately portrays the relevant communities of interest in the Santa Monicas. It contains 2 Assembly Districts that make sense. It keeps the boundaries within one, not two County supervisorial districts, which are represented by two extremely different types of oversight.

The commonalities of coastal and mountain communities - from the beach to the west San Fernando Valley are very real communities of interest. We share over mountain transportation corridors (especially on summer weekends when everyone in the Valley comes to beat the heat at the beach!), school districts, water districts, native american and cultural connections, not to mention the overarching planning efforts of the National Parks, State Parks and MRCA lands which entwine with private lands to create the largest public National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) in the country serving over 13 million people. Can't think of a better reason to keep us all together!

This leads to the proposed division of the SMMNRA into 3 congressional districts. For the past 30 years, having a single congressional district that represents the SMMNRA (including the Council of

Governments cities and unincorporated LA County) has worked really well. No need to change something that is effectively serving the community.

Please strongly reconsider the proposed boundaries and revise so that in fact they meet the goals of redistricting: to keep communities of interest together.

Sincerely,

Rosi Dagit

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Chinatown redistricting plan

From: Mia Locks <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I am writing to express my discontent with the proposed redistricting plan that would divide Los Angeles' Chinatown into 3 different Assembly Districts. I am a resident and property owner in Chinatown and I believe that the proposed plan would dilute the area's representation with government officials when what we really need is to strengthen it. LA's Chinatown is a vibrant and historical part of the city and it is important that our community be able to maintain a cohesive voice by remaining in one Assembly District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Mia Locks

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(t) [REDACTED]
(e) [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Demian Casey <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Demian Casey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I work for a SFV based technology company. I am lucky to have kept my job in this poor economy. Many people I know are not so lucky.

Keeping aerospace/defense and high technology jobs in the state should be a high priority for any politician.

I believe it is important to consolidate the area of highest concentration for these companies. This would include Westlake Village and Agoura Hills, as well as Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Northridge, Granada Hills and Chatsworth.

It would be up to the voters to elect a congressman that would serve our interest, but we would have a better chance of electing someone to serve our interest if the entire area had a common goal.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Judy Heredia <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Judy Heredia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando

Message Body:

I work for a SFV based aerospace company, and I have seen how important congressional support can be for a company or companies in this industry.

Please keep the West San Fernando Valley (Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas) together with Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.

Please do not include entertainment-based communities (any portion of the Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, Beverly Hills area). These communities will serve as a distraction for the member of congress who should focus on high technology job creation, research and development tax credits and patent reform.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Kellie Kozonis <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Kellie Kozonis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request that the following communities be included in the same district:

Kagel Canyon - Lake View Terrace - Shadow Hills - La Tuna Canyon - Sunland-Tujunga - La Crescenta - Montrose - La Canada-Flintridge - Glendale - Burbank.

Attached is a map with an explanation of the commonality and inter-relationship of these areas that cannot be diminished and must be considered.

Our communities share the same issues which include, but are not limited to:

Income - Education - Housing - Transportation - Historic Preservation - Environment - Protection of Open Space - the Rim of the Valley - Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains - Verdugo Hills - Wildlife - Watershed - Hiking and Equestrian Trails - the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor - Two Nearby Colleges. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for Medical - Shopping - Jobs - Entertainment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kellie Kozonis

[REDACTED]
Shadow Hills, CA 91040

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Torrance Police Officers Association wants to keep Torrance whole in the 36th Congressional District

Message Body:

June 28, 2011

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

RE: Keep Torrance whole in the 36th Congressional District

Dear Commission members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting for our area and thank you for the work you have done so far. On the whole, the Board of Directors of the Torrance Police Officers Association (TPOA) is pleased with the way districts have been drawn for state offices. We are very pleased to see the addition of Palos Verdes (area) into the 28th Assembly District, geographically it makes sense.

However, the Torrance Police Officers Association would suggest that the Commissioners consider keeping Torrance whole in the 36th Congressional District and not split the City into two different congressional districts. We encourage commissioners to reconnect those citizens and their services with their community of interest by uniting Torrance in one Congressional District.

On behalf of the Torrance Police Officers Association, We urge the Commission to place the entirety of Torrance in the 36th Congressional District that includes other beach cities like Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo.

Thank You,

Torrance Police Officers Association
Board of Directors
www.TPOAhome.com

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Linda Wah <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linda Wah <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Marino

Message Body:

I am against any redistricting proposal which will split the cities and communities that have long have a very cohesive agenda for those cities, e.g., San Marino and South Pasadena. Both of those cities have had a wonderful mix in representation of our ethnic and economic communities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Cynthia harris <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Cynthia harris <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Santa Clarita City

Message Body:

As a senior Citizens in the portion of the area proposed to be placed within the West San Fernando Valley, my husband and I strongly object to such a division. We are just two of the 32,340 residents who

have strong community ties here in Newhall. Norm was born here in this house in 1941.

Please keep our district within Santa Clarita Valley!

Norman and Cynthia Harris.

Newhall, California

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Alberto Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Alberto Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

Agoura Hills and Westlake Village should be included with Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Chatworth, Northridge, and Granada Hills. This is where the concentration of aerospace, defense and technology companies are located. We need to retain these companies and the higher paying jobs that they create in Southern California. I believe having a dedicated district will allow us to elect a member of congress that will fight for the interests of these companies and these jobs.

I live and work for an aerospace company in the San Fernando Valley and I can see, from the inside, the difficulties faced by this industry.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Varoujan Sarkissian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Varoujan Sarkissian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando

Message Body:

I am an aerospace engineer living and working for a company in the San Fernando Valley. I have been lucky so far to have continued employment in this economy. Many of my friends are not so lucky. Aerospace and technology jobs are becoming more difficult to find in an area where they were once abundant.

We need a member of Congress that will fight for aerospace and technology companies. Our economy depends on a Congress member who will fight for patent reform, the research and defense tax credit, and defense and aerospace jobs.

Keep the West San Fernando Valley together with Agoura Hills and Westlake Village. Please don't put us with entertainment-based communities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: "Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez" [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 12:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Integrity of Pasadena & Altadena; Cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

Message Body:

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91106

June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Integrity of Pasadena & Altadena in Congressional seat
Cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

Region IV, Los Angeles County
San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills
E. San Gabriel Valley - Diamond Bar

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

First of all, thank you for accepting input from ordinary Californian residents in guiding your decisions. Secondly, although some shaving and reformulation of districts will be need, you are to be congratulated for presenting a statewide view of the configuration of congressional districts that balances all concerns. Thirdly, this letter deals with the cracking of Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway"

I have lived in Pasadena for over four decades and understand the area well. My early education occurred in Pasadena and went to high school in La Canada-Flintridge. Pasadena has been bisected into two congressional districts which have caused some anxiety. I like many of my neighbors would prefer to have Pasadena in one congressional district. I am unable to determine from the maps on your website which congressional district I am located in. However, it does seem that Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway" has been cracked from the heavier concentrations of Pasadena's Mexican American neighborhoods in the Northwest Pasadena and western Altadena.

In previous correspondence May 4, 2011 and May 23, 2011 (entirety duplicated below), I have emphasized that the census tracts below form a "Community of Interest":

Pasadena: 4609, 4615, 4616, 4619, 4620, 4621, 4622, 4623, and 4627
Altadena: 4602, 4603.01, 4603.02, 4610 and 4611

http://www.lapl.org/resources/guides/tract_maps/ct06037_d08.pdf

These census tracts are contiguous and compact. They are ethnically diverse and have the greatest concentration of Mexican Americans and African American in the area. With others they form a homogenous social economic enclave within the Pasadena/Altadena area.

From the May 23, 2011, I wrote under the heading of the Greater Pasadena Area:

As explained above, community interests can differ within city boundaries because of various cultural, social, and economic factors, even in cities the size of Pasadena. As the Commissioners you are empowered to draw the lines as the people's agents. Do not despair in harsh critiques: it is alright to bisect a city if commonalities with adjoining areas represent a better mix that increases the opportunity for the not so prosperous to have parity with those who are economical dominant.

I do not believe that the spilt of Pasadena between San Gabriel Mtn. Foothills and E. San Gabriel Valley - Diamond Bar congressional districts "represent a better mix" because the census tracts cited above have been fractured.

Nonetheless, I am fascinated by division and would like to be given a rationale for the spilt. I personally think that Pasadena should be joined with the rest of the San Gabriel Valley as oppose to going westward.

Pasadena and Altadena are intricately woven together by family ties. We share many congregations, schools and civic organizations. I urge the Commission to reconsider preserving Pasadena's "Hispanic Corridor-210 Freeway" with Northwest Pasadena and Western Altadena.

Respectfully,

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

CRC Applicant 6216
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

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Attached:

May 23, 2011 letter (no longer available on the website for June 1, 2011)

Martin A. C. EnriquezMarquez

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91106

May 23, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Pasadena & Altadena together by Census Tracts in Assembly District

After reviewing almost all the Public Comments for Region IV Los Angeles County and most of the general comments for May 2011, I am struck by the many innovative approaches offered by the public. I realize the electoral laws have been developed over the last three decades. However, the district lines of the 1980's for Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional seats in the greater Pasadena area are worth noting. I know that those lines cannot be duplicated, but they offer interesting methods for preserving and recognizing "community interests" beyond those offered by officialdom.

Assembly Districts 41 and 55 from 1980's

The source material came from:

1. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/ad82maps/1982ad55.pdf>
2. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/ad82maps/1982ad41.pdf>

Please observe the treatment for the Assembly Districts 41 and 55. The latter district AD 55 grouped Western Pasadena (West of Lake Avenue and North of Colorado Blvd) with Los Angeles along the 110 Freeway. This made sense in commonality of socio-economic status with a diverse ethnic mix.

The rest of Pasadena was in Assembly District 41 linked with more affluent communities. They too shared commonalities of similar socio-economic factors. In no way did this set up diminish the importance of Pasadena's various communities. In fact, it gave a strong voice to Northwest Pasadenans whose needs were often overlooked compared to the more prosperous sectors of Pasadena.

State Senate Districts 16 and 21 in the 1980's

The source material came from:

3. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/sd82maps/1982sd21.pdf>
4. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/sd82maps/1982sd16.pdf>

Again the prized area for democratic voters was Northwest Pasadena and Western Altadena which was connected to State Senator Walter Stern (State Senate District 16). This time the most easterly line was Hill Avenue instead of Lake Avenue, then shifting north. This area along the 210 Freeway is also known as Pasadena's Hispanic Corridor.

These lines keep the bulk of Pasadena's Mexican American community together with almost all of Pasadena's African Americans in the same State Senate seat 16. They were given consideration by Senator Stern with a district office opened in the area. Also represented were the people of Altadena, west of Lake Avenue.

Republicans too were able to elect a representative of their choice in State Senate District 21. This district grouped wealthy neighborhoods of Linda Vista and San Rafael with easterly Hastings Ranch and all the area south of Colorado Blvd.

Census Tracts having the greatest commonality

All of the peoples of Pasadena and Altadena are great. They should be united in the same Assembly district. But if not, there can be a reasonable solution as presented in the above. Recognition that within the City of Pasadena there are differing community interests which are present.

Thus as much as possible keep the following census tracts together:

Pasadena: 4609, 4615, 4616, 4619,4620, 4621, 4622, 4623, and 4627.

Altadena: 4602, 4603.01, 4603.02, 4610 and 4611

Source: 5. http://www.lapl.org/resources/guides/tract_maps/ct06037_d08.pdf

Congressional Districts 25 (Edward Roybal) and 22 from the 1980's

The source material came from:

6. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/cd80maps/1980cd25.pdf>

7. <http://swdb.berkeley.edu/info/cd80maps/1980cd22.pdf>

The Great Edward Roybal represented Pasadena in the 25th Congressional District. The Honorable Roybal's district was based in Los Angeles yet it extended to Pasadena and Altadena to the north. It included almost all the area north of Colorado Blvd with Altadena Drive as its most east boundary. Again this demonstrated the existence of the Pasadena's Hispanic Corridor running on both sides of the 210 Freeway. It included almost all of Pasadena's and Altadena's African American communities as well.

In the 22nd District Representative Carlos Moorhead represented well the rest of Pasadena. He was the dean of the California Republicans in the House of Representatives. He had his office in Pasadena. If these great men could represent the interests of Pasadena without difficulty, surely lines could be established that give equal voice to all Pasadena and Altadena.

Dedication of CRC and its Responsibilities

The CRC has as its mission to honor the community interests of all Californians in a fair manner. I have read with amusement the public commentary. Some comments were woefully unaware of election law and judicial decisions. Others ignored historical circumstance and housing patterns that reflect past discriminatory practices.

Humans can correct past instances of inelegant behavior. You are now charged with that monumental endeavor. The transparency demonstrated so far it admirable. Keep up the good work.

Greater Pasadena Area

As explained above, community interests can differ within city boundaries because of various cultural, social, and economic factors, even in cities the size of Pasadena. As

the Commissioners you are empowered to draw the lines as the people's agents. Do not despair in harsh critiques: it is alright to bisect a city if commonalities with adjoining areas represent a better mix that increases the opportunity for the not so prosperous to have parity with those who are economical dominant.

I would prefer a Pasadena based Assembly district in the San Gabriel Valley in union with western Altadena. The other portions of Pasadena and Altadena could be an adjacent Assembly district within a Senatorial District. That would make the probable Republican and Democratic Assembly members compete for elevation to the Senatorial District.

The Congressional district should be oriented east to the San Gabriel Valley. Pasadena is the cultural and educational capital of the San Gabriel Valley. Pasadena has commonality with its Verdugo Hills neighbors (Burbank, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge) but it is the leader in San Gabriel Valley, that should be reflected in the Congressional seat.

Respectfully,

Martin A.C. EnriquezMarquez

CRC Applicant 6216

Monday, May 23, 2011

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Guoqing Wang <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Guoqing Wang <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I work for a San Fernando Valley technology company.

In drawing the Congressional lines, keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.

If you include Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Universal City, and the Beverly Hills area, our Congressperson may neglect the aerospace and technology companies and the well paying jobs that these companies provide. The fashionable industries (entertainment, etc.) are well funded and can easily divert the attention of any politician.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Christopher Kissick <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christopher Kissick <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Northwest San Fernando Valley, Northridge Resident

Message Body:

Thank you commission for all that you have done; your hard work has been greatly appreciated. I have been following this process and was made aware of the recently released Senate District of Santa Clarita. As a resident of the city of Northridge, I have to say that I love the Assembly District you have placed me in. I do however, disagree with the Senate District that I am included in. I think it is a big mistake to connect Sant Clarita with the city of Malibu for a district. It would be a better match if you looked to the assembly map that is EASTVENT to complete our Senate District. This assembly is almost as perfect as my own. I feel that it should include Thousand Oaks wholly and then it would be perfect to group with my assembly district for a great senate district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Munir Jojo-Verge <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Munir Jojo-Verge <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West San Fernando Valley

Message Body:

I am an aeronautical engineer and I work for a company that started business in this area because there were many suppliers of aircraft parts. As many of the large aircraft manufacturers have vacated the area, the small businesses that supplied them have begun to disappear. High tech jobs are leaving the valley because we do not have a congressional district devoted to the interest of high tech/research and development companies. These jobs are important to our economy.

Keep the West San Fernando Valley together with the 101 Corridor. We need a member of Congress that will fight for aerospace and technology companies.

Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Patricia Verdi [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 12:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patricia Verdi <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Northwest San Fernando Valley, Chatsworth resident

Message Body:

As a resident of Chatsworth, I am very pleased to see the assembly map that I am apart of. It was important to me to be grouped with Santa Clarita and the suburban cities that are so like my own. I do think that the senate map needs shifting. I see no reason it should go all the way down to Malibu, but instead include the cities to the west of me that are so close and similar to not only my surrounding cities of Chatsworth, but also that of Santa Clarita. Please consider shifting this district to group like communities of the Santa Clarita Valley, Ventura County (the Conejo Valley, Simi Valley, and Moorpark) and this area of the San Fernando Valley (Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, West Hills, and Granada Hills). Thank you so much for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Wayne Kerbaugh <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Wayne Kerbaugh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westchester Re-districting

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I've been a resident of Westchester for the past 6 years and have always thought of it as being a South Bay neighborhood. To my chagrin I've found out over that time that it is it divided into multiple State Assembly and Senate Districts and Congressional Districts. I'm writing you today because we have an opportunity to correct this fragmented neighborhood representation through all the work you are doing currently.

We have our own neighborhood council, Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council, representing our interests for the City of Los Angeles. This works well at the local city level unfortunately beyond that our interests are lost in the noise due to our fragmented representation between the various offices currently in place today.

Westchester has more in common with El Segundo and other Beach Cities than those such as Inglewood and Lennox in my personal observations. Compared with the Beach Cities it has similar percentages of educational levels accomplished, age, diversification, and even incomes levels.

I applaud your efforts so far as it must be a difficult task. By keeping the Westchester neighborhood intact and to include it with the rest of the South Bay you would be giving it much fairer representation and line up the interests of similar communities.

Sincerely,

Wayne Kerbaugh

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Sandi Hathcock <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:56 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Sandi Hathcock <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please add to the west San Fernando District, the communities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village to the county line. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Sandi Hathcock

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Debbie Neal <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Debbie Neal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Congressional Map

Message Body:

I am deeply disturbed by the lines of the presently drawn congressional maps of the San Gabriel Mt. Foothills and East SGV-Covina.

These maps split the city of Glendora putting each half with areas with which they share no common interest. Part of Glendora is grouped with Baldwin Park--on the front page of the newspaper for 3 murders last week, and we have very little crime. The other half of Glendora is grouped with Glendale and Burbank with which we also share no commonalities.

YOUR LINES SEEM SIMPLY TO BE DRAWN TO GROUP ETHNIC GROUPS TOGETHER. ISN'T THAT RACIAL PROFILING??? IS IT NOT ILLEGAL? As Americans we should all be able to have a common conversation regardless of our ethnicity. Let's grow up and work together as local communities rather than ethnic groups that are spread all over the maps.

PLEASE REDRAW THESE LINES.....OR VOTE "NO" ON THE MAPS.

Thank You.

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Subject: Public Comment on Draft Maps - Los Angeles Metropolitan Area

From: Anne-Marie Jones <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:17 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

To the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The California Endowment is a statewide philanthropic organization with headquarters in the Chinatown area of Los Angeles. We partner with nonprofit organizations and public agencies around the state to improve the health and well being of communities throughout California. As a part of that work, we recognize the importance of civic engagement and civic participation in mobilizing communities to initiate changes that can lead to improved health outcomes, for individuals, families and neighborhoods.

The residents and stakeholders in the Chinatown neighborhood would be best served by including the entire community in one Assembly District and one Senate District. Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR) has provided the Commission with an alternative district map that represents the original community input from the Chinatown community, is consistent with the boundaries of the LA City Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, and maintains this community of interest in a single district.

Respectfully,
Anne-Marie Jones

Anne-Marie Jones
Director, Center for Healthy Communities
The California Endowment

[REDACTED] direct
[REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed redistricting

From: Peter <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:41 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Sirs:

The proposed redistricting plans make no sense as the educational, environmental and socio-cultural concerns of these communities to be joined are widely divergent. I as a resident of Calabasas am largely unaffected by the concerns of Santa Clarita. It is vital above all to keep the contiguous community stakeholders of the Santa Monica Mountains IN the political district OF these mountains and their immediate environs. This proposed plan is gerrymandering at its worst and violates the principles of clear and cogent representation.

Very truly yours,

Peter R. Danckert

[REDACTED]
Calabasas, CA 91302

Subject: Proposed boundaries for voting districts.

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 11:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

As a thirty- five year resident of San Pedro I wish to add my name to those who are requesting consideration of the resolution submitted from the North West San Pedro Neighborhood Council. I am strongly desirous of maintaining the community as an intact unit in our voting districts.

Respectfully yours,

George I Thompson
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret)

Subject: Personal comment on first redistricting draft

From: Sue Castillo [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 12:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED] Carrie Scoville <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

The community of San Pedro, annexed to the City of Los Angeles in 1909, was one of the earliest self-organized communities within the City of Los Angeles neighborhood council system, with Central, Coastal and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils established in or around 2002. The three neighborhood councils work singly and together on activities that serve the interests of San Pedro. The proposed redistricting maps (first draft, for both state and national districts) sever the community of San Pedro into two pieces. The proposed district boundaries also bisect the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council District, splitting it apart, and thus does not respect the geographic integrity of a community.

The community of San Pedro lies adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles, whose activities have significant impacts on this entire community. All three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils have a great interest in Port affairs, regularly meet with Port staff, and review and comment on their plans and projects. San Pedro in its entirety is a "community of interest" with respect to the Port of Los Angeles.

If your goal is to include within a single district any contiguous population which shares common economic and other quality of life interests, separating the community of San Pedro (as well as other Port-side communities) from the Port of Los Angeles does not meet this goal.

A stated goal of redistricting is to create districts of geographical compactness such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations. Establishing a district composed of the Port of Los Angeles, the eastern edge of San Pedro, and communities as distant as Lynwood, Gardena, Hawthorne and Inglewood, cannot meet the goals of the redistricting effort.

I ask that the Citizen's Redistricting Commission return to the drawing board and craft a district boundary that respects the integrity of the Southern Los Angeles waterfront, the Port of Los Angeles, the community of San Pedro and our immediately adjacent Port-side community neighbors.

Sue Castillo

[REDACTED]
San Pedro, CA 90731

Subject: Opposition to plan to Break Long Beach into 3 separate Congressional Districts

From: "Applequist, Chris" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 2:29 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I and many of my neighbors are opposed to your proposal of splitting Long Beach into 3 districts. We should be afforded a combined voice to our representatives.

[Chris Applequist, PE, Senior Civil Engineer](#)

[Engineering Design Division](#)

[Port of Long Beach](#)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: OPPOSED to Proposed Congressional and Senate Redistricting Maps!

From: "Kimberly Gustafson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:47 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

As homeowners on Mulholland Hwy. in the unincorporated portion of Calabasas we are adamantly opposed to the proposed congressional and senate districts.

The proposed senate district does not align with school systems, water districts, geographical corridors, mountain communities, or seemingly any other congruous relationship. It does not make sense, for example, to combine us with the San Clarita Valley. It makes much better sense to create a Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside district that combines the Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica Mountains and West Side/Santa Monica assembly districts.

The proposed 3 congressional districts are also not a very good solution as they split up the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation and Las Virgenes Areas. As proposed, we would be included in a district that goes deep into Ventura county and includes cities such as Ojai and Lake Casitas, with which we do not share any services or have any common community interests. Either retain the current single congressional boundary, or possibly combine the entire Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) with the WLADT district, but keep the SMMNRA together in the same district.

Sincerely,

Kimberly and Derek Gustafson

[REDACTED]
Calabasas, CA 91302

Subject: Los Angeles Chinatown

From: Dennis Wong [REDACTED]

Date: 6/28/2011 2:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Why are you dividing Los Angeles Chinatown area into three districts? This should stay as one. Are you dividing any other ethnic groups into different districts. Chinatown is a small community compare to other ethnic groups. What does this accomplish? You will need three of everything to communicate with this area. Please do not divide Los Angeles Chinatown into three districts. It will harm the community.

Thank you,
D. Wong

Dear Citizen's Redistricting Commission:

After reviewing the current drafts of district maps proposed by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and as a Latino, I am disturbed by the proposed borders as they are these lines disenfranchise people of color and dilute the Latino representation in our own communities.

I cannot over-emphasize the importance of having proportional representation for our community, and I can see that the current boundaries do not allow our community to have the voice that it deserves in government. I have, however, reviewed and I support the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Alternative Maps dated June 24, 2011 as these maps reflect a fair, equitable and diverse representation of our communities of interest.

The most recent census data notes the Latino population in California is the fastest growing and largest population in the State. With standing like that, I would think that we'd have district lines drawn to accommodate Latino needs and interests, but where there could be five districts with more than 50 percent of the voting population consisting of Latino voters, the districts are currently drawn to create only three. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance maps create these two additional Section 2 districts and more accurately reflect our community's interests.

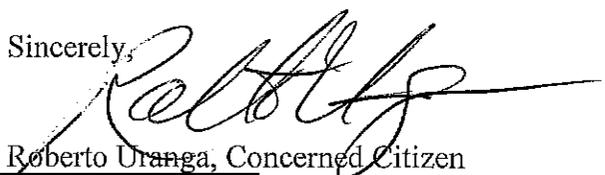
The failure by the Commission to create these two additional majority/minority Latino Citizen Voting Age Population districts shows a violation of Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Again, the Commission's current draft maps are an affront to Latinos and Asians, as they reduce our representation. It will be much more difficult to have cohesive representation in Sacramento or Washington, D.C. when our elected officials are not primarily concerned with our community's needs.

I hope that the Redistricting Commission recognizes this mistake before moving forward with a second draft maps.

Thank you for your consideration of and attention to this concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Uranga', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roberto Uranga, Concerned Citizen

Long Beach, CA 90806

Subject: Las Virgenes Unified School District

From: "Judy Jordan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:51 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commission Members:

As f former member of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, and I current member of the League of Women Voters, I strongly support putting redistricting in the hands of an impartial commission.

Your first draft for my district violates all the principles of creating a cohesive voting district. You have cut the school district, the water district, and the Santa Monica Mountains in half, and put my half with the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, with which we have no common interests. I believe that the district as drawn in 1990 better serves this unique and precious area.

Sincerely,

Judy Jordan

[REDACTED]

Calabasas, CA 91302

Subject: FW: Redistrictig

From: "Steve Hirsh" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:25 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

From: Steve Hirsh [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Redistrictig

June 28th, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.

Anita Hirsh
[REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: New District Maps

From: "Steve Hirsh" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:24 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

From: Steve Hirsh [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 1:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: New District Maps

June 28nd 2011

Steve Hirsh

[REDACTED]
Studio City, California, 90014

To: The Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: State Senate District LASCV

Dear Commissioners:

I thank you for the time and effort you are contributing to the creation of equitable boundaries for the future of all Californians.

I am a long time resident of Studio City, current board member of the Studio City Residents Association, board member of Jewish Vocational Services of Los Angeles, former Board Member of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, and former President and Board Member of the Los Angeles Fashion District Business Improvement District. At the easternmost part of the San Fernando Valley, since the early 1940's, Studio City thrives as a creative hub of the Los Angeles entertainment industry and an established creative community represented by the Studio City Residents Association, The Studio City Neighborhood Council, VICA, and Studio City also falls within the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (COG).

The first draft Senate map **mistakenly** splits our community in half along Ventura Blvd, creating an unnatural political division in a largely cohesive community of interest. The Hillside and Flatlanders of Studio City are deeply and historically connected, not divided, as the current senate configuration suggests and would facilitate; clearly not the intent of this redistricting process or the desire of Studio City Residents. **Keep Studio City whole using Ventura Boulevard as the conduit it is.** Visit any park or school, or go shopping in Studio City and ask where people live, Ventura Boulevard is a historically common linkage, not a line of demarcation.

On the South we connect to the Santa Monica Mountain communities from Studio City on the East to the Palisades, Malibu and Pacific Ocean to the West. These communities of interest all hug the spine of the Santa Monica Mountains, which has and must remain included in our district, or, at a minimum, maintain a natural boarder for the southern side of the proposed senate district.

To the East, Studio City shares no common connectivity with the greater Los Angeles area as suggested by the first Draft Maps. Studio City, shares connectivity and interest with communities to the West including Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, Encino, Tarzana and Woodland Hills.

Further, make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts- Thousand Oaks and Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side Santa Monica Mountain districts.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Renne and Bruce Bilson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Studio City, CA 91604

Subject: Redistricting

From: Elisa <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:00 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I am currently in District 30, which I think is strangely organized. I don't see how Whittier is a part of my district and Downey isn't. How we skip all of Downey and jump to Norwalk and the cities around Norwalk doesn't make sense.

How we swing around Maywood, and go all the way north to South El Monte, doesn't make any sense.

I think our district should include Lynwood, Downey, Paramount, Bellflower, Maywood, Vernon, Monterey Park, and remove, South El Monte, Whittier and La Mirada. Of the partial sections of cities/communities that are currently part of district 30, I suggest removing Hacienda Heights. Of those partial communities I suggest keeping partial parts of South Gate, if not all of it. Also keep the partial areas of East Los Angeles, Los Angeles (that are bordering any of the cities I've listed to include or are already part of the district) and the Florence-Graham areas.

Thank you for your work.

~Elisa de Dios

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Gilbert, Carol J." <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:10 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I have lived in Brentwood Glen for over 25 years, served on the board of our neighborhood association and represented our community on the Brentwood Community Council. I was horrified to find that the impact of the proposed redistricting puts Brentwood Glen in a different district from Brentwood. Our identity and interests, as the name of our community imply, are with Brentwood. Hacking off our small neighborhood and appending it a region whose interests are not similar to ours would be a travesty. For instance, for years we have deal with issues related to the Veterans Administration, which borders our neighborhood on the south and west. These issues also impact Brentwood. Our neighborhood will be at a terrible disadvantage to be in a district that does not include Brentwood! I implore you to reconsider the boundaries.

Carol Gilbert

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Subject: San Pedro Redistricting

From: June Burlingame Smith <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 1:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

The consternation you have caused with splitting San Pedro and Wilmington in two is enormous. Neighborhood splitting is one magnitude; splitting old towns is another. Please stop using man-made freeways and other false guidelines to draw up palatable and viable districts. It just doesn't work that way. San Pedro and Wilmington are crucial communities that form an economic, social and POLITICAL nexus to the LA Harbor. Please make sure that we can speak with ONE representative to affect change and issues.

And the Commission is speaking with a forked tongue if it doesn't address this error because it got it right in making us one congressionally. Why should the reasoning be any different for the state offices.

Please, please, don't do this to us..... again.

June Burlingame Smith

[REDACTED]
San Pedro, Ca 90731

Subject: Written Testimony

From: "Michael J. Kaiser" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Distinguished Commissioners:

My name is Michael Kaiser, and I am a resident of Porter Ranch. I have previously testified before you at the San Fernando and Oxnard hearings.

As a Porter Ranch resident, I am happy that your First Draft Congressional Districts Map nicely keeps my community where it belongs--in the West Valley. Thank you for having largely kept the West San Fernando Valley together. At a very early stage, the Commission talked about splitting off the Northwest San Fernando Valley and putting it with an Antelope Valley seat. I am glad you have not implemented that plan.

I have looked on the Commission's website at the Commission's most recent visualization map, and you have now put the communities that make up the San Fernando Valley up on your visualization map. Our community boundaries are as important to us San Fernando Valley residents as city lines are to people who live in medium- and small-sized cities in other areas of the state. Accordingly, if the Commission is going to try not to split Eureka, then it should not, for example, split Reseda.

The San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition, spearheaded by VICA, has submitted a map delineating a suggested Congressional district within the West San Fernando Valley. The Coalition's map minimizes the splitting of San Fernando Valley communities, thereby respecting how residents of the Valley have organized themselves in such communities for decades. Accordingly, please consider implementing the Coalition's map.

In the event the Commission chooses not to implement fully the Coalition's map, I recommend that the Commission please try to add the communities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village--right up to the Los Angeles County line--to a West Valley Congressional district. As I have previously testified, these areas are linked to the West Valley by the 101 Corridor and by shared communities of interest. Additionally, such a Congressional district would respect existing local and regional governmental lines. For example, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservation District includes Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, most of Tarzana and Woodland Hills, and a major part of Encino. As yet another example, the Las Virgenes School District includes Westlake Village, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and a portion of the San Fernando Valley community in the city of Los Angeles called West Hills.

Thank you again for your hard work and for generally respecting the boundaries of the West San Fernando Valley. It is my humble hope that my above suggestions and previous testimony will serve to keep communities of interest together and to protect the integrity of community boundaries within the West San Fernando Valley.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kaiser

Porter Ranch, California

June 28, 2011

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Susan Bukowski <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:34 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Susan Bukowski <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Agoura Hills

Message Body:

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Thank you for respecting the Valley. Thank you for respecting the neighborhoods of the San Fernando Valley. Go with the VICA plan for districts, especially congressional districts, but try to add Agoura Hills and Westlake Village to the West San Fernando Valley congressional district.

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Subject: Congressional District (E and W San Fernando Valley)

From: Larry Bowman <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:32 AM

To: [REDACTED]

My comment are regarding the East San Fernando Valley Congressional district Draft 1 and the West San Fernando Valley Congressional District Draft 1.

First – the northern boundaries are hard to determine because there is no scroll north/south available on the web site. However, looking at the area from a zip code perspective indicates that zip code 91335 (Reseda, CA) is split between the East and West Congressional Districts. After 10 years passes I hope you place a E/W and a N/S scroll bar on the maps. The PDF's are of poor quality.

I feel this is a disservice to the residents and business owners of Reseda, Northridge, Tarzana, West Van Nuys and Lake Balboa.

Reseda High School is in one district and the homes where the students live are in another. Northridge Hospital (one of the few trauma centers in the Valley), and Van Nuys Airport (with its high volume of take offs and landings) are also concerns of the residents of this district. Cal State Northridge is in the West District and a majority of its students live in the East District (in portions of Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana, and Lake Balboa.

You have even split the Van Nuys airport property. Van Nuys airport is a DOD alternate airfield in the event of a national emergency. It would serve the VA hospital (which would also be a DOD emergency hospital) located in the West District. It would seem better to have both of these alternate emergency FEDERAL facilities in the same district.

My suggestion is simple - make the dividing line the 405 freeway. Extend the West District to the 405 on the East side, the remove the area from the West District that includes Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, and Encino and make the 405 the West boundary for the East Congressional district.

We have nothing in common with Sherman Oaks/Encino and should not have the district split - a 405 boundary seems like the best thing to do.

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Ebed Corredor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2011 00:37:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ebed Corredor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando Area

Message Body:

My name is Ebed, and I work for an aerospace company, and I also use to work for a tech corporation in San Ferdando Valley. And I an 100% interested in supporting a memeber in congress who supports keeping these companies in business! Imagine what it would be like if we stunned the growth of technological advancements these companies make. Our economy depends on a Congress member who will fight for patent reform, the R & D tax credit, and defense and aerospace jobs. Please include Granada Hills and Northridge with Chatsworth and Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and please make sure to include the 101 Corridor, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village. Thanks for hearing me out.

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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Mark Urist <mett[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2011 00:40:09 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Urist <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village

Message Body:

Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I'm writing to you today as a longtime resident of the City of Agoura Hills. Although we are currently placed in the East Ventura County congressional district, I would like to respectfully ask for us and our neighbors in Westlake Village to be in the West San Fernando Valley district instead.

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I know you have tough decisions ahead but I do hope that you take the time to consider these suggestions. Thank you.

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From: Lorraine Urist <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2011 00:40:54 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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From: Ben Cruz <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2011 00:41:00 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ben Cruz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: W. San Fernando Area

Message Body:

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Fwd: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

Voter <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Thu, Jul 7, 2011 at 8:55 AM

Region 4 - Los Angeles
June 28 prior to 5 pm

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

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:23:06 +0000

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To: [REDACTED]

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June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
via email: [REDACTED]

Re: "LASCV"

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

The Santa Monica City Council on June 28, 2011 will consider a formal position that the City of Santa Monica be included in a State Senate District whose communities of interest include communities within and adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains and the area served by the Westside Cities Council of Government cities of which we are a part, rather than cities and communities including Palos Verdes Peninsula and beach cities south of Santa Monica. Moreover, under the proposed map, the City of Santa Monica would no longer be represented by its long term representative in the State Senate (and, previously, State Assembly), Senator Fran Pavley, who has been a proactive and effective representative for Santa Monica and the surrounding Westside communities who share mutual interests and challenges. Due to the press of time of the Commission and that the City Council holds night meetings, I am forwarding this letter on behalf of the City. The City will follow-up with confirmation of Council action on this matter.

The criteria for establishing the new district lines require that they respect the community's dependence on common institutions and services as well as other common interests. As currently proposed, the Senate District designated as LASCV does not respect the criteria established for the formation of the new districts, as the Santa Clarita Valley has no common relationship with the communities of the Santa Monica Mountains and coastal areas such as Malibu and Pacific Palisades.

The LASCV also lacks compactness as it stretches from the coast at Malibu to the Kern County line, a distance of approximately 110 miles round trip. This would make it impractical for constituents and elected officials to attend meetings and conduct business during a normal business day. The ability to interact with our elected officials and communities of interest is at the heart of a robust democratic dialogue.

Community of interest is most keenly realized in work to solve common problems and rise to their challenge collectively. The Westside of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Mountains, and the Santa Monica Watershed have been effective as communities of interest through the focus on common environmental and quality of life issues. Transportation projects that

have tremendous benefit to the region grew out of a concern with the environmental consequences of the Westside choking in traffic. Both the Exposition Light Rail project and the Westside extension of the subway are a result of close collaboration within the Senatorial District. These projects are warranted by the levels of congestion, employment, and economic contribution of the Westside Cities within the region. State legislation created the Expo Light Rail Authority which is charged with the design and build of the light rail. Measure R, its funding source, was authorized by similar concerted advocacy. Most importantly, it was through years of collective advocacy at the State level that this transit improvement is being realized. The Senatorial District area matched the definition of the problem and defined the solutions that are now in hand.

Based on the aforementioned considerations, it is requested that the Commission reconsider the boundaries for Senate District LASCV. It is suggested in keeping with the Redistricting Commission criteria, to use the two proposed Assembly boundaries LAMWS and LAVSF encompassing the "West Side – Santa Monica" and the "Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains" as a nest for the Senate District to optimally reflect the interconnected communities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Bloom".

Richard Bloom, Mayor
City of Santa Monica



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Re: "W. L.A - Downtown" and "Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities" Congressional Districts

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

The Santa Monica City Council on June 28, 2011 will consider a formal position that the City of Santa Monica be included in a Congressional District whose communities of interest include communities within and adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains and the area served by the Westside Cities Council of Governments cities of which we are a part, rather than cities and communities including Palos Verdes Peninsula and beach cities south of Santa Monica. Moreover, under the proposed map, the City of Santa Monica would no longer be represented by its long term representative in Congress, Congressman Henry Waxman, who has been a proactive and effective representative for Santa Monica and the surrounding Westside communities who share mutual interests and challenges. Due to the press of time of the Commission and that the City Council holds night meetings, I am forwarding this letter on behalf of the City. The City will follow-up with confirmation of Council action on this matter.

The criteria for establishing the new district lines require that they respect the community's dependence on common institutions and services, as well as other common interests. Santa Monica is part of a dense urban environment that extends eastward from our city where the housing/jobs balance is collectively worked on through regional Westside solutions like the Exposition Light Rail line and the Westside Subway Extension. The Commission's proposed district, "Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities" severs Santa Monica from these longstanding communities.

As currently proposed the Congressional District designated as "Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities" does not respect the criteria established for the formation of the new districts because of its inclusion of the City of Santa Monica along with South Bay Cities that have little common relationship with the City of Santa Monica.

Moreover, the City of Santa Monica has the greatest common interest and dependence on common institutions with cities that are part of the proposed "W. LA – Downtown" Congressional District. Santa Monica is part of a Council of Governments with two other incorporated cities within the "W. LA – Downtown" District. The Westside Cities Council of Governments coordinates policy on transportation issues, social service issues such as homelessness, and more. The east – west transportation corridors and an under-construction light rail line tie these communities together.

Community of interest is most keenly realized in work to solve common problems and rise to their challenge collectively. The Westside of Los Angeles has been effective through the representation

of its Congressional District on numerous community issues. Of special note, the cities have made large scale and remarkable achievements on transportation projects that are the only remedies to the Westside choking in traffic. Both the Exposition Light Rail project and the Westside Subway Extension are a result of close collaboration with the Congressman. These projects are warranted by the levels of congestion, employment and economic contribution of the Westside Cities within the region. Westside Cities are characterized by one of the highest population and employment densities in Los Angeles County, as well as one of the highest proportions of transit ridership. Several considerations bind us together (2006 study data):

- The Westside economy produces more than 11% of jobs in the County and has some of the highest employment densities (462,467 jobs).
- 13% of West-siders take transit to work, double the County average of 6%.
- Population density averages 6,000 people per square mile, roughly double the County average.

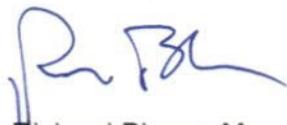
Support for Expo Light Rail and the Westside Subway were made possible by identifying these shared considerations and interests. Most importantly, it was through years of collective advocacy at the Federal level that these transit improvements are being realized. The Congressional District area matched the definition of the problem and defined the solutions that are now in hand.

The City of Santa Monica is physically separated from the majority of the proposed "Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities" District by Marina del Rey, the Ballona Wetlands and Los Angeles International Airport.

The inclusion of Santa Monica in the "W. LA – Downtown" District would retain compactness in that district, whereas the currently proposed "Palos Verdes Est – Beach Cities" District lacks compactness and cohesion by comparison, as it is nearly twice the length.

Based on the aforementioned considerations, it is requested that the Commission reconsider the proposed boundaries for these Congressional Districts.

Very truly yours,



Richard Bloom, Mayor
City of Santa Monica