

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Sharon McCann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:25:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Congressional District

Message Body:

I believe you are doing serious harm to the voters of Simi Valley and Moorpark by taking us out of Ventura County and instead placing us within the Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita District. You are not respecting city and county boundaries or considering the natural communities of interest. We are separated by mountains from Los Angeles County. Our taxes go to Ventura County for roads, improvements and quality of life. How can a representative who is largely responsible for Los Angeles County voters give equal representation to a small number of voters in Ventura County. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed congressional district and keep Simi Valley and Moorpark within a Ventura County District.

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Subject: My testimony about redistricting for Oxnard and Ventura County

From: Carmen Ramirez [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:12:03 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Maricela Morales [REDACTED]

I am sorry that I cannot be there tonight, I am teaching a course on Consumer Law at Ventura College of Law and it begins across town at 6:30 pm.
Here is my testimony for your consideration

June 22, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Oxnard Community College
Performing Arts Center
[REDACTED], Oxnard, 93033

Re: Communities of Interest for Oxnard, Ventura and the Santa Clara Valley

Dear Commissioners,

I am a recently elected Oxnard City Council Member, as of November 2010. I write this letter on behalf of myself and not on behalf of the City of Oxnard or my fellow council members.

I have lived and worked in the City of Oxnard for since 1978, more than 30 years. I have been a practicing attorney for 35 years on behalf of low income and immigrant people in this community, including farm workers, disabled adults and children and working poor families, among others . From 2005 through 2007, I represented the attorneys of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo as the elected member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California. I am currently a member of the St. John's Regional Hospital Community Board of Directors, the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Center for Civic Education, a national organization dedicated to teaching young people in our country and around the world about the rule of law and the practice of democracy.

Oxnard is a predominantly Hispanic community as is the Santa Clara Valley, where agriculture and the jobs it requires are critical to the economy. We have a coastline and have a number of issues, such as the existence of environmental pollution at the Halaco Superfund site, the low level of educational attainment, and a major housing crisis, lack of affordable housing and a high number of families affected by the foreclosure crisis and the predatory lending schemes with subprime loans.

Ventura, Oxnard and the Santa Clara Valley, share the Santa Clara River, which provides some of the water our homes, agriculture and industry, as well as has potential problems with the adequacy of its levy along the riverbanks.

The City of Oxnard is a geographic neighbor to Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu Naval Air

Station as well as the Naval Construction Battalion based in Port Hueneme. As the largest city neighboring Naval Base Ventura County it is important that the City of Oxnard be in the same Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts with our neighboring City of Port Hueneme

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that also includes Naval Base Ventura County. In addition, the City of Oxnard is part of the Oxnard Harbor District that also includes the City of Port Hueneme.

Given these important community of interest relationships with West Ventura County, I strongly support the Commission's first draft maps for the Senate and Congressional Districts. The Senate and Congressional districts take into account Oxnard's communities of interest in that they:

- 1) do not split the City of Oxnard;
- 2) include the City of Oxnard with the similar West Ventura County communities of interest including Port Hueneme, Ventura and the Santa Clara Valley; and
- 3) keep Oxnard in Ventura County based districts

Based on these same points of communities of interest, I recommend a revision to the Assembly District that splits the City of Oxnard and includes the City of Oxnard with East Ventura County. The best community of interest Assembly District includes the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura and the Santa Clara Valley.

If this ideal Assembly District is not possible, the next best alternative is an Assembly District that does not split any cities and includes all of the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. Along with my written testimony, I am providing the Commission with a map of this better Assembly District. You will see that this improved Assembly District recommendation is possible with only minor changes to the immediate proposed neighboring districts.

In summary, the Commission's first draft Congressional and Senate districts respect the City of Oxnard communities of interest and it is only necessary to make minor revisions to the Assembly Districts so that the City of Oxnard is not split and is included with the most similar communities of interest that include at the very least the unincorporated areas of El Rio and Nyeland Acres and the City of Port Hueneme. Ideally, the City of Oxnard would be in an assembly district with West Ventura County. Thank you for your attention to these serious issues.

Sincerely,

M. Carmen Ramirez
Council Member
City of Oxnard

Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Terry Glaser <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:10:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Terry Glaser <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Please do not redistrict us into the LA County plan. Ventura county has been our home and we want it to stay that way.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: RENEE FRUMKIN <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 02:20:22 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: RENEE FRUMKIN <[REDACTED]>

Subject: REDISTRICTING OF SIMI VALLEY AND MOORPARK

Message Body:

I DO NOT THINK IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SIMI VALLEY AND MOORPARK TO BE IN THE SAME DISTRICT AS LOS ANGELES. FOR ONE THING OUR TAXES WOULD GO UP. MY FAMILY ENJOYS THE DISTRICT IT IS IN AND I BELIEVE YOU WILL HAVE A LOT OF UNHAPPY PEOPLE IF THIS WERE TO GO THROUGH. WE MOVED OUT TO VENTURA COUNTY FOR A REASON AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

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From: Shannon Bowman <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:58:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shannon Bowman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Boundary Lines - Simi Valley

Message Body:

Please leave the boundaries as they are Moorpark and Simi Valley should remain Ventura county.

Thank you

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From: Rick Maas <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 23:59:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Rick Maas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Simi Valley and Moorpark

Message Body:

I strongly oppose the plan which would make Simi and Moorpark part of a Los Angeles county district. Both communities are unique and have completely different dynamics than the area of the proposal. The reason people choose to make the commute away from los angeles county is for the quality of life which has been protected in those two communities.

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From: Ted Schmid <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 05:07:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ted Schmid <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Simi Valley to LA County

Message Body:

The last thing in the world that Simi Valley needs is to be thrown into LA County with all of their budget shortfalls. The only thing we would get is a fiscally degenerate government drowning in debt. For that we'd get very little if no representation. No Thanks!

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From: evan connor <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:51:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: evan connor <[REDACTED]>

Subject: simi valley redistricting

Message Body:

I believe you are doing serious harm to the voters of Simi Valley and Moorpark by taking us out of Ventura County and instead placing us within the Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita District. You are not respecting city and county boundaries or considering the natural communities of interest. We are separated by mountains from Los Angeles County. Our taxes go to Ventura County for roads, improvements, schools and quality of life. How can a representative who is largely responsible for Los Angeles County voters give equal representation to a small number of voters in Ventura County. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed congressional district and keep Simi Valley and Moorpark within a Ventura County District.

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From: Carol Serrano <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:32:20 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Carol Serrano <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Breaking up county

Message Body:

Please do not break Simi Valley & Moorpark to be combined with LA Santa Clarita.
Doesn't make sense!! Thanks

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Subject: RE: Ventura County and Region 4 EVENT

From: jim paulson [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:42:25 -0700 (PDT)

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

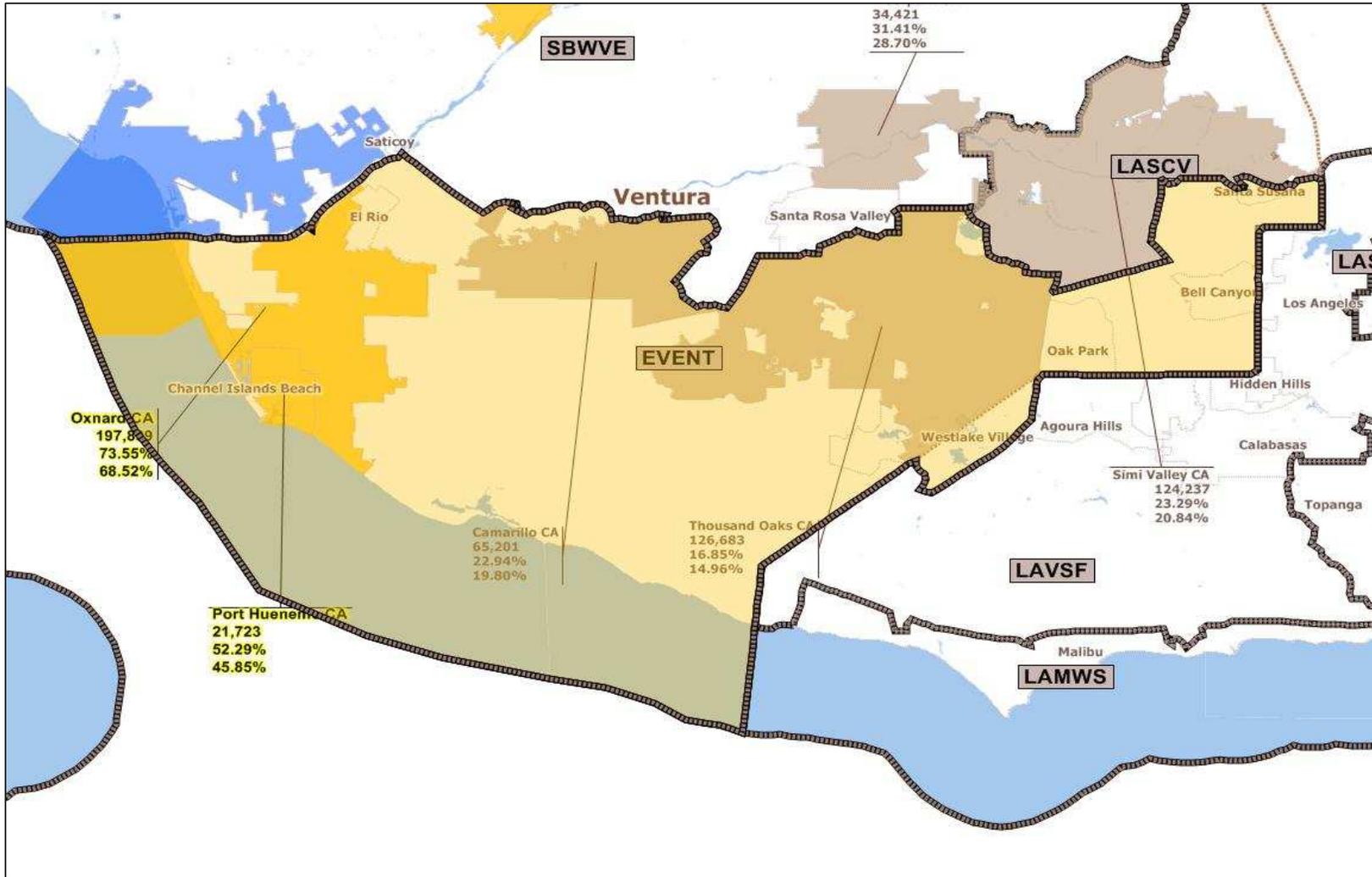
Dear Commissioners:

My name is James Paulson. My wife and I are residents of Camarillo. My wife taught 33 years @ Hueneme High School in Oxnard. As for the proposed Congressional District under review by the Commission I do feel it meets the need of the district. As does the proposed California State Senate LASCV (proposed) Our concern is for the State Assembly district where it effects the City of Oxnard. For too long Oxnard has been split in half. Oxnard is Ventura Countys largest city, and has a majority Latino population that has been traditionally under represented by the present assembly district as it now exists. Please take into account the needs of this city when the final map(s) are drawn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paulson

Oxnard / Thousand Oaks Unity Map EVENT

Population 469,725 Deviation 4,051 % Deviation 0.87% Hispanic % 44.27% H CVAP 26.12% Hisp Voters 23.41%



Changes

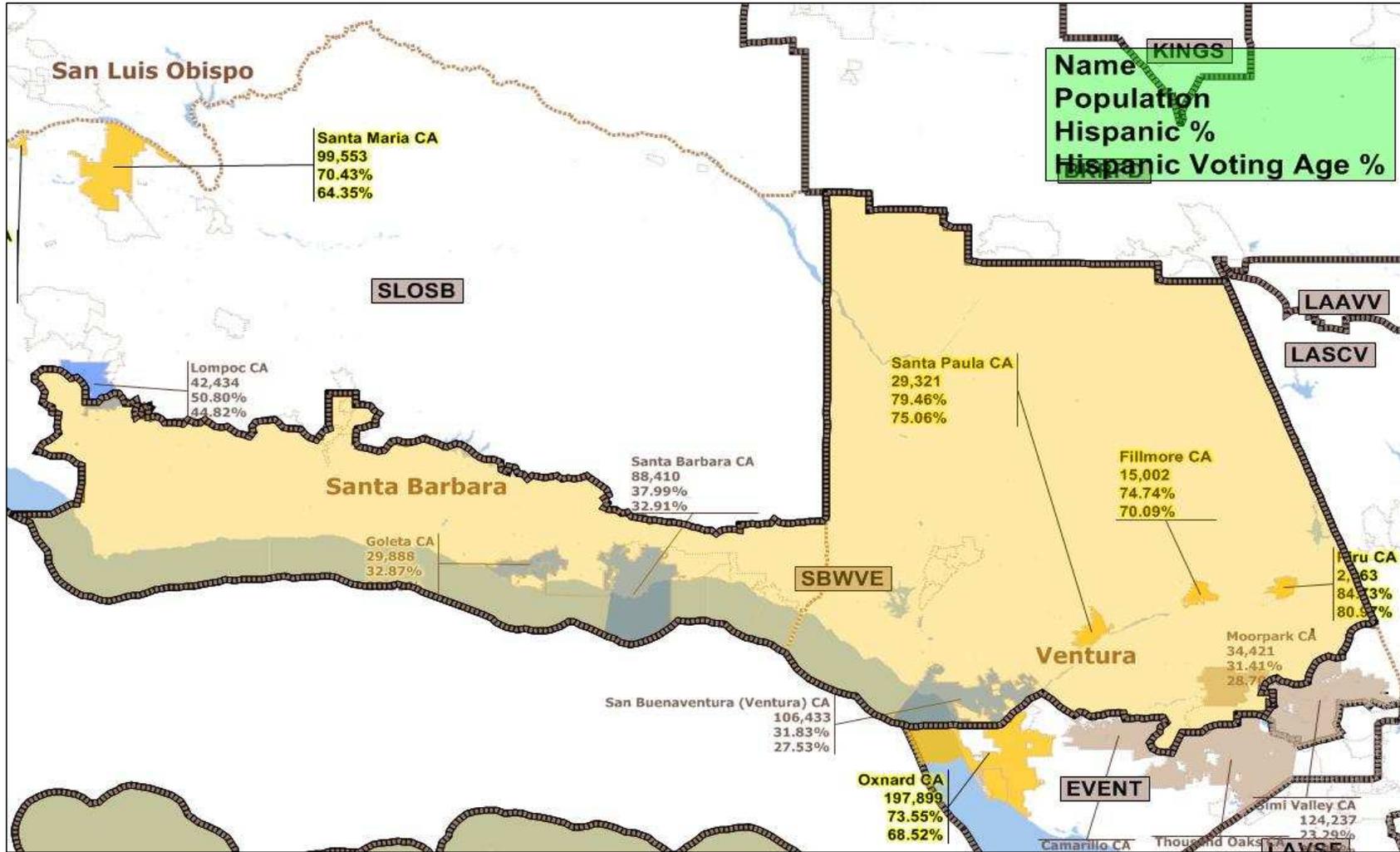
- ☞ Makes Oxnard and Thousand Oaks whole
- ☞ Includes Pt. Hueme with Oxnard, El Rio, Nyland Acres
- ☞ Moves Moorpark into SBWVE and Simi Valley into LASCV
- ☞ Unifies Ventura County and LA County parts of Westlake Village
- ☞ Other districts impacted include LAVSF, LASCV, SBWVE, SLOSB
- ☞ Leaves LASCV with 21,190 deviation which could be distributed to LAAGV, LASGF

Deviation Summary

| | Unity Map | CRC 1st Draft |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| EVENT | 0.87% 4,051 | 2.15% 10,035 |
| SBWVE | 0.07% 339 | 2.49% 11,612 |
| LASCV | 4.55% 21,190 | 0.14% 631 |
| LAVSF | 0.97% 4,498 | -0.64% -2,983 |
| SLOSB | -0.42% -1,964 | 1.76% 8,183 |

Oxnard / Thousand Oaks Unity Map SBWVE

Population 466,013 Deviation 339 % Deviation 0.07% Hispanic % 36.52% H CVAP 21.84% Hisp Voters 18.24%



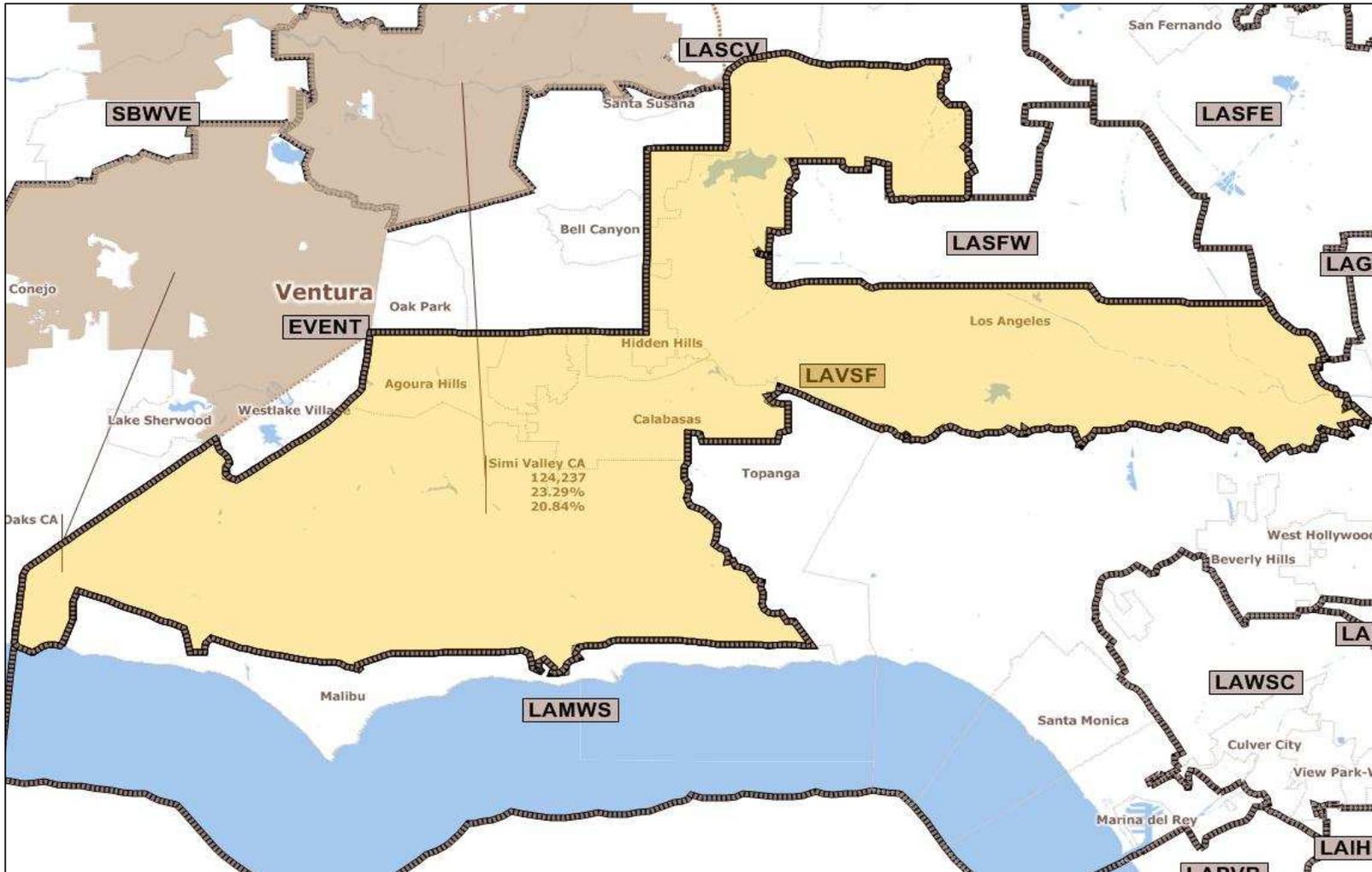
Changes

- ☞ Excludes portion of Oxnard and Pt. Hueneme
- ☞ Includes Moorpark and Santa Rosa Valley
- ☞ Includes Solvang, Ballard, St. Ynez in Santa Barbara County (reducing deviation in SLOSB)

Oxnard / Thousand Oaks Unity Map

LAVSF

| Population | Deviation | % Deviation | Hispanic % | H CVAP |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------|
| 470,172 | 4,498 | 0.97% | 15.62% | 10.71% |



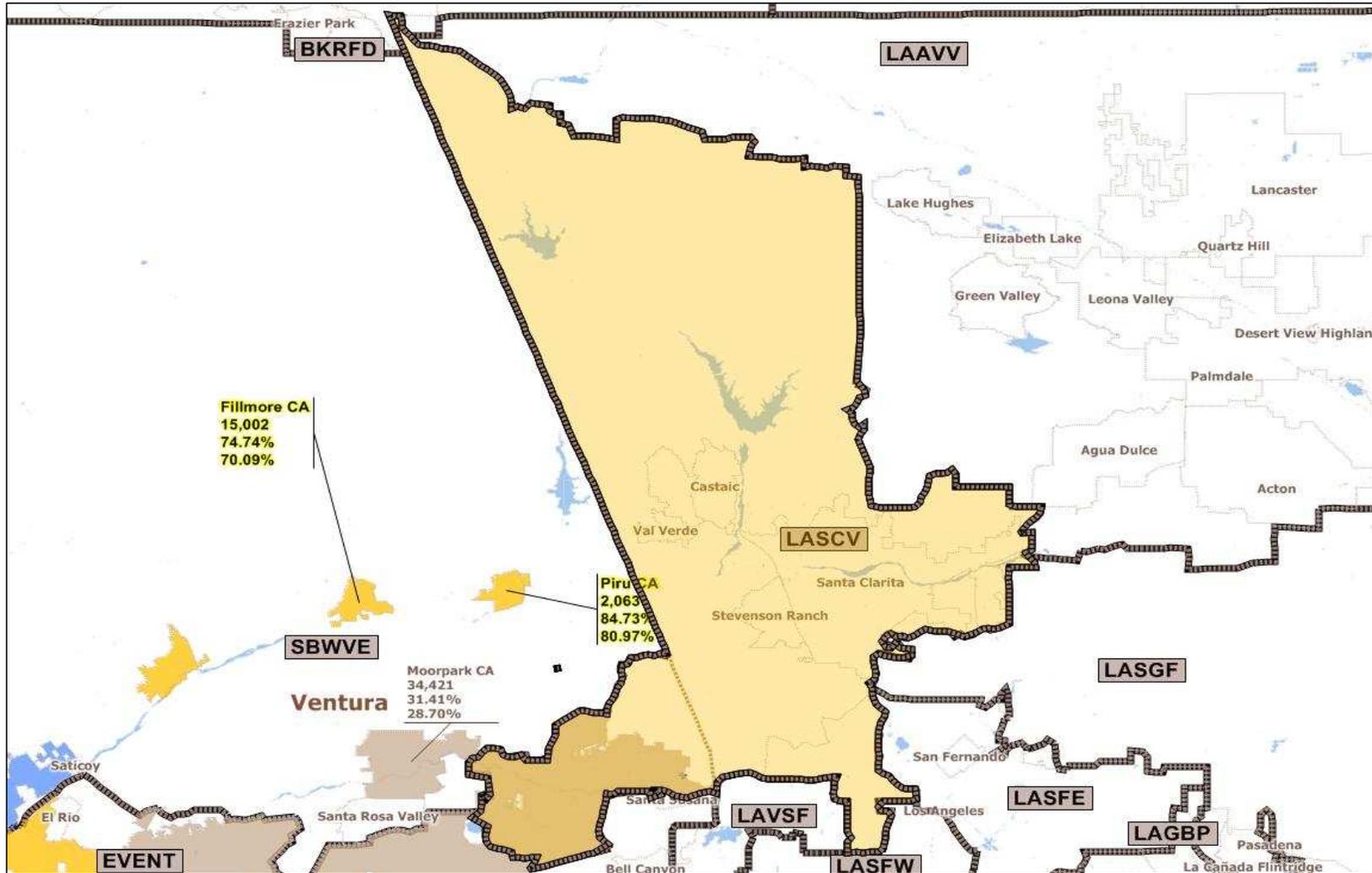
Changes

- ☞ Excludes any of Ventura County
- ☞ Includes larger portion of Northern and Western San Fernando Valley
- ☞ Loses LA portion of Westlake Village

Oxnard / Thousand Oaks Unity Map

LASCV

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Population | Deviation | % Deviation | Hispanic % | H CVAP |
| 486,864 | 21,190 | 4.55% | 26.32% | 17.28% |



Changes

- ☞ Includes Simi Valley
- ☞ Includes less of Northern Western San Fernando Valley
- ☞ Deviation of 21,190 must be distributed in LA County

ject:Public Comment: 5 - Ventura
Date:Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:26:50 +0000
From:Vern Orth <[REDACTED]>
To:[REDACTED]

From: Vern Orth <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

I am very disappointed with including Simi and Moorpark with Los Angeles instead of Ventura County. The people, schools and businesses in Simi and Moorpark share much more in common with Ventura County than with Los Angeles County. This is also one of the main reasons many of us moved to Simi and Moorpark--to get away from the incompetents that are running Los Angeles into the ground. I sure don't want to be associated with that cesspool again.

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: carynn mccann <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:48:18 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: carynn mccann <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I am a homeowner in Ventura County, Simi Valley and our community is so far removed not only geographically and by terrain (mountains) from Santa Clarita or Los Angeles county that to redistrict our community out of Ventura County and into Los Angeles county will greatly harm our community and negatively impact the ability for equal representation. I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed congressional district and keep Simi Valley and Moorpark within a Ventura County District."

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Subject: Proposed district placement of Santa Paula

From: Justin Paroski [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:56:44 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

My name is Justin Paroski. I am a resident of Santa Paula. I learned today of the proposal to include Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru in the same state senate district as Santa Barbara (SB). I do not think that move would offer much benefit for us since we share little common interest with SB. We are a poor to lower middle class agricultural town with a heavily immigrant population unlike SB's upper middle class to wealthy demographic. Our main industry is citrus and other produce, whereas SB's dominant industry is tourism.

I fear that the interests of SB's residents, due to their wealth and associated political power, will override the interests of our small town. Our needs are very different from theirs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Justin Paroski

[REDACTED]
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Subject: Maps that splits the cities of Oxnard and Ventura

From: Johnny Garcia Vasquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:40:33 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today as a long time resident of Oxnard and as a past Student Government President of Oxnard College to strongly urge you to reconsider your east Ventura assembly map and your west Ventura assembly map that splits the cities of Oxnard and Ventura. I suggest a district composed of keeping Oxnard whole in one assembly district. While also ensuring that Oxnard and Ventura colleges are in the same assembly district as they share similar challenges and draw from the same student population.

Splitting them into two legislative districts will diverge student advocacy efforts and will only amount to the ongoing marginalization of these students, their families, and their communities.

Furthermore, a united district would give the local assembly representative a stronger voice on behalf of students since Ventura and Oxnard colleges will be in one district and not split in separate assembly districts. Therefore, there will be more accountability from students that will translate to more accountability from their families and their communities.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to keep Oxnard whole in one assembly district, while also ensuring that Oxnard and Ventura colleges are in the same assembly district.

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Best Regards,

Johnny Garcia Vasquez

State Legislative Liaison

Office of External Affairs VP Assoc. Students of the UC (ASUC)

University of California, Berkeley

[B.A Ethnic Studies with Minor in Public Policy 2013]

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From: Vivian Zinn <[REDACTED]>
Subject: I support nesting like areas and changing the 1st draft maps

Message Body:

Commissioners:

In your first draft maps, you created two State Senate seats that should be changed. By switching the nesting of two districts, you can keep like communities together, in line with community of interest testimony you have received.

Instead of nesting Santa Clarita with Malibu, you should nest Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Keeping Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley connected to Santa Clarita in a Senate seat will keep inland valleys together and better represented. Historically, for over 30 years, these areas have been connected in a Senate seat.

Connecting these areas to the coast divides both the inland and coastal populations. Please keep our inland suburban valleys connected by nesting Santa Clarita with East Ventura County.

Thank you.

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From: Vivian Zinn <[REDACTED]>
Subject: I Support Keeping the Santa Clarita Valley Whole

Message Body:
Commissioners:

Do not split the City of Santa Clarita into two separate congressional districts.
Please add the community of Newhall into the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Valley
congressional district.

Thank you.

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From: Roy Talley <[REDACTED]>
Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Simi Valley and Moorpark have very little in common with Santa Clarita. These communities need to stay with Ventura County. The latest plan would cause more problems than they solve.

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Subject: Comments for tonights meeting in Oxnard

From: Robert Hassebrock <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:32:08 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

I am unable to attend tonights meeting but I would like to add my voice to the input you are receiving regarding the redistricting plan in general and as it applies to the local plans specifically.

I believe that the community approach you were directed to support does not provide any rationale for combining any parts of Ventura with Santa Barbara County. Ventura County should be retained as local as possible reflecting communities intact as two districts. Assembly District 33 should go north along the coast in Monterey County if required as there are many similar issues to those counties and locals. Whatever you do with SB County, our communities in Ventura County should not be broken up to accommodate a political need for any candidate, party or group.

Robert Hassebrock

[REDACTED]
Ventura CA, 93004

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Subject: Public Comment: 5 - Ventura

From: Mark Ferguson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 03:15:10 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Mark Ferguson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Maps

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen in the Thousand Oaks area. It is a mistake to have Thousand Oaks included with areas of Los Angeles County for the State Assembly and State Senate voting districts. I, and a lot of other Thousand Oaks residents, made a conscious decision to not be a part of Los Angeles. I believe that our interests are quite different when compared to voters in Los Angeles, and our voices will be nullified by the larger population in Los Angeles County. May I instead suggest placing Thousand Oaks into the Santa Barbara/Ventura district for State Senate, and the SBWENT district for State Assembly.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Ferguson

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