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**Re: Support for revising ONTPM to be consistent with Commission Visualization #2
presented June 22nd, June 30th, and July 2nd**

Commissioners,

On behalf of 163,000 residents of the City of Ontario, we have been tracking the challenging job the commissioners have been undertaking on behalf of the citizens of California. As we have monitored the deliberations of the commission we respectfully request that the Citizens Redistricting Commission ("Commission") revise Draft 1 lines of the "ONTPM Congressional District" and seek to keep the district more compact while respecting established communities of interest located west of Interstate 15 as outlined in the Commission Visualization #2.

We appreciate that the Commission respected Ontario as a centrally-situated community placed in the middle of State Assembly and Senate districts. We also appreciate that the Commission did not split our city, as was the case for some neighboring cities.

The new Congressional District, named ONTPM by the Commission, would be a new district for the Inland Empire as a result of the significant growth of the region. The two-county region is poised to gain significant representation at the State and Federal level which will help amplify the priorities of the City of Ontario and the Inland Empire.

Unfortunately, the new ONTPM Congressional District also divides the cities of Chino Hills to the south, and Fontana to the north of the same Congressional District.

On June 24th the Commission was presented with a "visualization" that took into account the significant testimony that was given at the June 19th Public Hearing in San Bernardino. Contained within the "visualizations" were alternatives developed by staff working with a subcommittee.

The ONTPM Visualization #2 is superior to prior drafts for the following reasons:

- The district is compact and contains most of the traditionally West Valley communities that are bordered by Kellogg Hill to the west and Interstate 15 to the east;
- The district respects the established community and business ties that exist among educational institutions at the K-12, community college, and Cal State Pomona sphere;
- The District has zero deviation while containing minimal city splits along highways.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the **Commission revise ONTPM to be consistent with Commission Visualization #2 presented June 22nd, June 30th, and July 2nd that includes the entire Cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Chino, Montclair, Claremont, and Pomona so this region can be represented by one Member of Congress.**

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this comment letter to the Commission and thank you for your service to the State of California.

Sincerely,



Paul Leon
Mayor

REGION 2:
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June 25, 2011

To - Cal. Citizens Redistricting Comm.

Dear Sir,
you are pledged to be a non partician
commission. This is absolutely untrue. From
what you have drawn up in your draft plan;
it is very obvious you are all democrates,
trying to replace every republican congressman
you can.

Splitting Redlands in half (& also many cities)
& taking away from Congressman Jerry Lewis
his territory, & changing his area to demo-
cratic area, is unfair & dishonest.

Please reconsider your decision and to be
fair.

I'm writing to formally ask you to
give Congressman Jerry Lewis the area
back, & the people he has always represented,
which includes Redlands, Loma Linda & Highland.

I have talked to many neighbors &
friends, & they feel the same way.

Our State & Country should be represented
by the two parties as the Constitution
declares.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret Bierschbach