

Subject:**From:** "Caroline Miller" <[REDACTED]>**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:58:56 -0700**To:** <[REDACTED]>

My name is Caroline Miller, and I have lived in Irvine for 30 years. It is my understanding that the Commission is considering splitting Irvine off from our current coastal communities of Newport Beach, Corona del Mar, Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach and moving it in with some of the inland communities such as Tustin, Orange, etc. I am asking you to keep our coastal communities intact and refrain from splitting Irvine off from our other communities of interest, i.e. Newport Beach, Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach. Irvine has always been one of the coastal communities of Orange County and it makes the most sense to leave it that way.

Thank you.

Caroline Miller
[REDACTED]
Irvine CA 92604

Subject:

From: "BARBARA PRIESTLEY" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:19:09 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: "Jennifer Cervantez" <[REDACTED]>

I adamantly oppose redistricting La Habra with Los Angeles. La Habra should be in a district with Orange County, namely, Fullerton-Anaheim.

Barbara Priestley

[REDACTED]
La Habra, CA 90631

Subject: Board of Equalization Lines....

From: "Grangoff, Ray" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:42:55 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Members of the Redistricting Committee:

Please see the attached letter from Orange County Supervisor Pat Bates regarding district lines for the Board of Equalization.

Ray Grangoff

Office of Supervisor Patricia Bates

Deputy Chief of Staff

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Phone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Supervisor Bates Letter.pdf



PATRICIA C. BATES

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

July 19, 2011

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

Dear California Redistricting Commission Members:

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Clearly, the 1st draft of new district lines established for the Board of Equalization protect the Voting Rights Act, keep communities of interest whole including minorities, businesses and the environment, and provide competitive districts that will ensure fair representation for the entire electorate.

I urge you to consider supporting the 1st draft maps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia C. Bates".

Patricia C. Bates
Orange County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Fifth District

Subject: Boundaries

From: "Teri Jacquot" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:13:01 -0800

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners, I want to thank you for your hard work and your countless hours you have spent trying to get the Congressional district boundaries in Orange County just right. Having said that, the current map online pairs Fountain Valley with Laguna Beach and Costa Mesa. These are not communities of interest. I realize that many people have submitted testimony to the commission, but please consider keeping like communities whole and keep Fountain Valley with Garden Grove. Both communities have a central OC presence and both communities have a very diverse population. We share a common freeway in the 405 Freeway and share many same characteristics within our communities.

Please do not split Fountain Valley from Garden Grove, please keep us together as like communities of interest.

Thank you,

Stanley Jacquot

Subject: District Boundaries

From: Seth Carmack <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:20:49 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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Thank you,
Seth Carmack

Subject: District Boundaries

From: "Teri Jacquot" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 14:12:01 -0800

To: <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you,

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Teri Jacquot

Subject: Newport Beach/Irvine

From: Amy Walton <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 07:47:11 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

California Redistricting Commission,

As a UCI Alum, Newport Beach and Irvine are a community of interest and they should be kept together. A break up of the cities does not serve the local population or surrounding communities.

Thank you,

~~ Amy Walton ~~

Subject: Orange County Congressional Maps

From: "Denis Bilodeau" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:17:11 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please find attached a letter and a map submission pertaining to congressional districts in Orange County.

Denis Bilodeau
Councilmember, City of Orange

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CITY OF ORANGE

CITY COUNCIL

PHONE: • FAX:

July 19th, 2011

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Congressional Boundaries in Orange County

Dear Commissioners,

I want to thank you for your dedication and hard work over the last several months. Over the past four months, I have served on the County of Orange redistricting commission, and know the difficult task you have undertaken. I am pleased to let you know that the map I submitted to the County has been recommended as the preferred alternative for adoption by the Board of Supervisors this August.

I have watched your Commission's work and it seems as though the City of Orange has been through several different iterations on Congressional boundaries. As a Councilman in the City of Orange, I would like to submit suggested maps for all of Orange County. I would encourage you to study these maps and also consider that they do not impact the Commission's work in any other county. These lines reflect just the Orange County population and fit into your latest visualization of surrounding counties.

When drawing these lines I have taken into account much of the public testimony that I heard in-person when I attended the public comment period at Cal State Fullerton. They also respect the City of Orange's desire to be kept whole and linked with neighboring communities such as Anaheim Hills to the north and Tustin to the south. The population deviation is less than 2,000 for each congressional district from the target population of 702,905.

These lines take into account much of the community of interest (COI) testimony and the Commission's desire regarding the Long Beach to Garden Grove/Westminster district that many residents wanted. These maps also respect the significant COI testimony regarding Santa Ana, Anaheim and central Orange County.

In my opinion these maps are an improvement over the current visualization as it keeps Orange whole with its communities of interest, the inland communities, Orange Hills, Tustin Hills, etc.; it links Anaheim (except Anaheim Hills) with Santa Ana in accordance with the COI testimony; links Costa Mesa in the central coast district as it should be.

These lines confine city splits to mostly large cities, and minimize the number of city splits where possible. Because of the preservation of city lines as well as its consideration of communities of interest that are currently ignored in the visualizations, I find this plan to be much better for all of Orange County, without impacting the commission's plans in any other county.

As a member of the City Council, I respectfully request that you consider these maps and please consider repairing the Communities of Interest that are currently split in your visualization maps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Bilodeau".

Denis Bilodeau, PE
Councilmember

Subject: Orange County Congressional Maps

From: "jon" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:07:17 -0700

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

Commissioners and Staff,

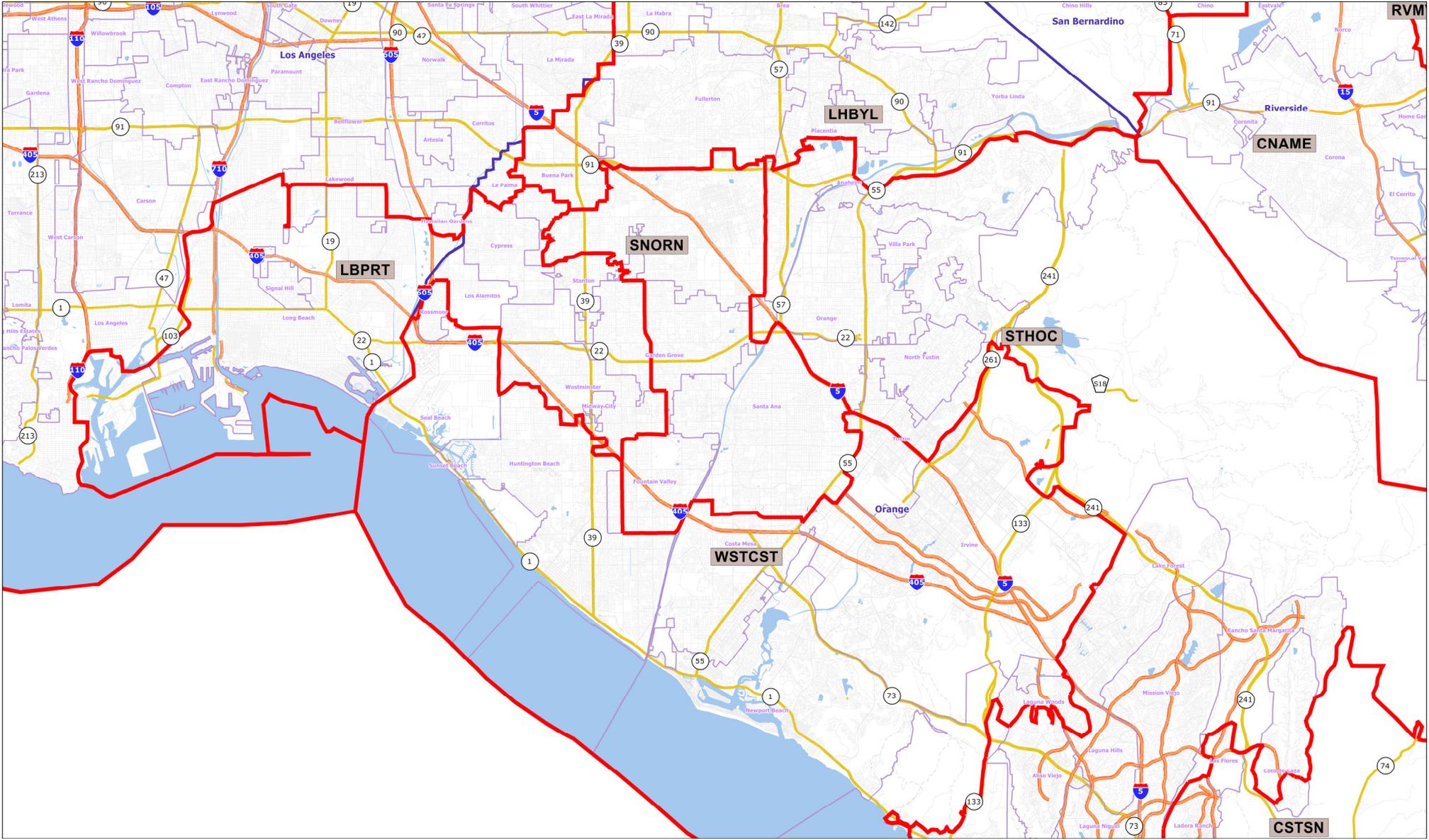
Please find the attached letter and map submission pertaining to Congressional Districts in Orange County.

Jon Dumitru
Councilmember, City of Orange

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CITY OF ORANGE

CITY COUNCIL

PHONE:

• FAX:

June 19th, 2011

Citizen's Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members,

Thank you for your service to the citizens of the State of California.

I am writing as a live long resident to ask that my community, the City of Orange, not be split into two Assembly, Senate or Congressional districts. As you know, the goal of the commission is to “respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.” This goal is compromised if the City of Orange is drawn into two districts.

The cities of Villa Park, Placentia, Anaheim, and Tustin share our community values and demographics. The together represent a Community of Interest. Please consider this in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Jon Dumitru
Councilmember
City of Orange

Subject: Orange County Legislative Boundaries

From: "Kate Klimow" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:35:49 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

Please find attached a comment letter from the Orange County Business Council. We respectfully submit the attached recommendations to the California Redistricting Commission as it begins to finalize the state's legislative boundary maps.

We appreciate the difficult task you are undertaking and the challenges you face balancing competing interests. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Kate Klimow

Vice President of Government and Community Affairs
Orange County Business Council

[REDACTED] | Irvine, CA 92614

Tel: [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

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July 19, 2011

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

RE: Orange County Legislative Boundaries

Dear Commissioners:

Orange County Business Council represents a large, diverse group of companies dedicated to doing business in Southern California, employing over 2,000,000 worldwide. Our mission is to advance Orange County's economic prosperity while protecting a high quality of life.

Drafting maps to satisfy a vast array of interest and agendas is a difficult task. We would like to commend you on your efforts to date. We view the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as an important component in the reform process needed to move California away from the extreme partisanship that causes legislative gridlock, detrimental to a vibrant, dynamic economy.

With that said, we do feel many jurisdictional boundaries in the County of Orange have been overlooked in favor of "Communities of Interest" and at the sacrifice of a municipality or constituent service. Although there is legitimate need to acknowledge "COIs" it shouldn't be to the detriment of a community's ability to address their infrastructure and administrative issues at a legislative level.

On behalf of the business community, the following suggestions are offered to improve the service area and representation of all residents of Orange County:

1. Congressional Districts

As has been noted previously, by us as well as others in Orange County, it is unacceptable to divide smaller communities, particularly when those small halves are combined with large, dense urban cities. In particular the cities of Orange and Coto de Caza are split into two different congressional districts which effectively eliminates their representation.

- Coto de Caza should not be split. Its sphere of influence is too small and it should remain with the other canyon and equestrian areas in the county such as Fullerton, Orange Park Acres, Tustin Hills and Orange Hills.
- The City of Orange should not be split as it is too small to survive being divided between two congressional districts. The community's common interests lie with Tustin or Anaheim, not with Santa Ana.
- The overwhelming preference is that Orange be contained within one congressional district. However, if small portions of the city need to be included in another district to satisfy population limits and VRA restrictions, the 57 freeway or Main Street, north to Taft Avenue in Orange would make for a more logical boundary.
- Huntington Beach should be aligned with Seal Beach, Fountain Valley and other Orange County cities, rather than separated from the County and blended with Long Beach.

2. Assembly and Senate Districts

Although there are small adjustments that would satisfy community boundaries and common interests, the Commission should be recognized for its balanced approach.

- The City of Costa Mesa should remain intact and be aligned with similar beach communities.
- The Communities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley have long been joined aligned in their civic pursuits, challenges and opportunities. The two share a variety of common interests and benefit from contiguous representation. Therefore, the Assembly District currently drawn to include Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Irvine (among other areas) should be redrawn to include the entire city of Fountain Valley.

3. Board of Equalization

We view with great distress the districts for the Board of Equalization. Despite careful consideration of Communities of Interest and Compactness for the Congressional, Assembly and Senate districts, this same attention does not appear to have been applied to the BOE districts. A district that runs nearly the entire length of the state is neither cost-efficient nor constituent-service oriented. Perhaps it is important to note that existing BOE offices do not constitute a "Community of Interest."

Please consider the establishment of a Southern California District similar to the existing Region 3, uniting, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties, in lieu of the present map of a vertical district ranging from the Oregon border to the Mexican border.

- All BOE districts should be drawn horizontally, not vertically, to facilitate a BOE member's ability to easily manage an area and remain directly accountable to the people.
- Communities of Interest for the BOE are businesses, and as such linkage between geographic communities are important. Business communities often cluster to share information and systems. For example, the Bio Tech and Bio Med industries in Irvine, South Orange County and the San Diego regions.
- Counties should remain whole and regional areas should remain together, which will allow businesses that operate throughout a county or region to have clear and fair representation.
- Splitting the County of Orange into two districts would deprive the Business Community of Interest of fair representation and could lead to a significant COI being underserved or ignored.
- Adjustments could be made to the newly drawn Los Angeles District, removing Orange County and extending the LA district further North in LA County and/or East to encompass the East Los Angeles Region.

Finally, we support Commissioner Mike Ward's map amendments. He has a thorough understanding of the communities with common character, interests and challenges in Orange County and can provide advice on where adjustments may need to be made to accommodate population limits.

We appreciate the difficult task you are undertaking and the challenges you face balancing competing interests. We appreciate your willingness to consider our comments.

Sincerely,



Kate Klimow
Vice President of Government Relations

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Pat Buttress [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:30:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Pat Buttress <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting City of Orange

Message Body:

Mr. Ward.

I am very concerned that the City of Orange has been lumped in with Santa Ana for the Congressional District. This does not make sense.

Santa Ana is a large City that is ALL urban and that is certainly NOT the character of Orange. Orange has its small-town charm and Old Towne portions, but it is also a very rural, equestrian community -- which is why we love Orange, for its charm and character. Orange is NOT a community of Interest with Santa Ana. At the OC commission hearing over 50 witnesses asked the commission to keep Anaheim, Santa Ana and East Garden Grove as one district.

Orange, Orange Hills, OPA are communities of interest more with the other north-east portions of OC, i.e. Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills, etc. All of these communities are more closely related to each other and share common church communities, shopping areas, community college districts, etc. None of these communities are densely populated urban city-type areas like Santa Ana.

All of these characteristics show that we have nothing in common with Santa Ana. Please put Orange back with like communities of Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills, Orange Park Acres, etc. as you have had in almost every other map the commission has released.

Thank you for your time and consideration. This is of GREAT importance to the city of Orange!

Sincerely,

Pat Buttress

Pat Buttress

City of Orange Planning Commissioner, Vice Chair
Member and Past Chair Orange Chamber of Commerce

[REDACTED]
Orange, CA 92867

[REDACTED]
Fax [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: John MacMurray <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:50:57 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: John MacMurray <[REDACTED]>

Subject: La Habra

Message Body:

First, thank you for your hard work. I am sure that the decisions have not been easy, but I feel the outcome will be fair. Far better than the current gerrymandered mess we have now.

Second, you doubtless know by now that three of our La Habra city council members--ardent right-wingers all--have been scaring people into supporting boundaries that help their own political agendas, and which do not seem to be in La Habra's best interests. They have supplied templates for letter writers to use in writing to your commission, and also seem to have used city employees in the effort.

I trust you will see these efforts for what they are--blatant and desperate efforts by minor politicians with delusions of grandeur--and act in what you see as La Habra's best interests.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "Morrison M. Clements" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:52:51 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Morrison M. Clements <[REDACTED]>

Subject: La Habra

Message Body:

I have No Problem with La Habra being part of a Los Angeles County Legislative District. Several years ago the City of La Habra closed its Fire Department and contracted with LA County Fire to maintain the La Habra Stations and provide Fire Protection Services. I have been a resident of La Habra for 46 years and have always looked to Los Angeles County for Cultural and Civic leadership. And for 32 of the 35 years of my employment prior to retirement, I worked for companies based in Los Angeles County. La Habra and Whittier have more in common than La Habra and Brea or Fullerton. You proposed Re-Districting looks appropriate.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Richard Allan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:43:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard Allan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Irvine

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Irvine, I want to urge the Commission to make sure our city is placed in a coastal Congressional District. We have a much greater community of interest with coastal communities like Newport Beach than we do with cities in inland Orange County. We are more likely go shopping, recreating and generally spending more time along the coast than in inland areas.

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Thanks for listening,
Richard Allan

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Barbara Allan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:45:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Irvine

Message Body:

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Thanks for listening,
Barbara Allan

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Colette May [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:11:31 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Colette May <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

As it stands my vote rarely carries any weight on State issues. Now with a current redistricting proposal to align my small city of Villa Park with the City of Santa Ana on local issues, there would be no reason for me to vote since my more conservative voice would be lost amongst the far more liberal voters in Santa Ana.

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Ronald Accornero [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:36:07 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Ronald Accornero <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Change of Congressman

Message Body:

I do not want our congressman district to be changed and given to Loretta Sanchez. Ed Royce is our congressman and I would like to retain him as our congressman.

Ron Accornero

[REDACTED]
Villa Park, CA 92861

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "W. Richard Ulmer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:17:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: W. Richard Ulmer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Villa Park-CD

Message Body:

Villa Park is a 49 year old, small, rural (zoned 1/2 acre+) community with approximately 2000 homes, population of just under 6000, & slightly more than 4000 voters. Villa Park has been partnered with Santa Ana & West Anaheim in the last group of visualizations for CD's. Santa Ana is a large, dense, urban city that has nothing in common with Villa Park or West Anaheim. As Mayor of our City, I believe our suburban community is much more closely aligned with the communities of North Tustin, Anaheim Hills, and Orange Park Acres. Please put Villa Park back with Tustin and Anaheim Hills. Although small, Villa Park deserves to have a Congressional Representative who understands our community needs & desires, and will truly represent our citizens. I understand an alternative "Orange Plan" was submitted for possible consideration. Please view this plan as a good & representative solution for the Villa Park area & citizens. Respectfully submitted, Rich Ulmer, Mayor, Villa Park

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "Chris R. Michaelis" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:37:34 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Chris R. Michaelis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting - Moving Orange to Another Dist

Message Body:

Hello,

I thankyou for all the hard work your agency puts into fairly drawing up districts but feel I must voice my opposition to any plans to move the city of Orange.

Orange is a unique city built around the historic Old Town area. We share many of the same cares and concerns of our neighbors in North Tustin, Anaheim Hills, etc.

If Orange is instead grouped with a city like Santa Ana we would be forgotten and our political voices silenced. We are too dissimilar.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration. I strongly urge your agency to not combine the city of Orange with Santa Ana.

Sincerely,
Chris R. Michaelis

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Heather <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:49:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Heather <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Irvine

Message Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: William Penrod <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:44:03 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: William Penrod <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

To Whom it may concern,

I have been informed that the Cities of Orange and Villa Park may be realigned into representative Loretta Sanchez's district. Although it is clear that this effort would be consistent with the agenda of our democrat controlled state, it would be a great disservice to the constituents of those 2 cities. Ms. Sanchez and her ilk have had free reign to do what they want for years and the result is that our once golden state is now the laughing stock of the country. We are in debt up to our necks, our educational system is dead last in the country, we have caused virtually every industry (high tech, aerospace, automobile manufacturing, industrial, etc.) to flee to other states that are friendly to big business, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. If legislators do not wake up and smell the coffee soon, they'll be governing a state full of welfare dependent non-citizens that do not generate income nor pay taxes. If the true agenda of the redistricting commission is "fair

representation" as the masthead of your web site says, then including our cities under the representation of Ms. Sanchez would be contrary to that stated purpose.

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Subject: Redistricting congress social

From: "Krueger, Kurt" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 10:44:59 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I favor drawing Southern California congressional district lines which link the City of Irvine with the regions of Newport Beach and Newport Coast, rather than drawing district lines which link the City of Irvine with cities further inland. It appears to me that Irvine has much more in common with Newport Beach and Newport Coast than it does with Tustin, Lake Forest and Ranch Santa Margarita.

Thank you.

Kurt J. Krueger

President, Concordia University Irvine

[REDACTED]
Irvine, CA 92612
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting in California

From: "Kirk Lapple" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:19:14 -0700

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

See attached.

Thank you.

Kirk F. Lapple, Attorney

Tel [REDACTED]
Fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Kirk F. Lapple

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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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July 19, 2011

TO: Citizen Redistricting Commission
RE: Board of Equalization District Lines
Sent via e-mail: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam:

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I urge you to support the 1st draft maps.

Very truly yours,

THE LAW OFFICES OF
Kirk F. Lapple


By: Kirk F. Lapple
KFL:cd

Subject: Redistricting Orange with Santa Ana

From: Logan Ascher <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:45:37 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Orange is not a community of interest with Santa Ana. Santa Ana is a dense, urban area that is much more like the flats of Anaheim. Orange needs to be kept with like communities such as Orange Hills, Tustin, Tustin Hills, etc. these areas all have a more rural feel to them, they represent the only rural, canyon and equestrian communities in the OC, etc. When drafting Congressional maps, we urge you to keep Orange with these communities and NOT with Santa Ana.

Logan Ascher
Tustin Resident

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Maureen Parker" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 09:37:31 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you all the time and effort you've put towards redistricting. I'd like to comment that the Irvine residents identify with the coastal communities more than the central communities. We live and work in Irvine but spend so much of our free time at the beach cities. Also, we focus on the news and events of these cities more closely than the central cities.

Please take this into consideration.

Thank you,
Maureen and George Parker
Irvine Residents

Subject:

From: Hinnant Herd <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:59:47 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners, I want to thank you for your hard work and your countless hours you have spent trying to get the Congressional district boundaries in [Orange County](#) just right. Having said that, the current map online pairs Fountain Valley with [Laguna Beach](#) and [Costa Mesa](#). These are not communities of interest. I realize that many people have submitted testimony to the commission, but please consider keeping like communities whole and keep Fountain Valley with Garden Grove. Both communities have a central OC presence and both communities have a very diverse population. We share a common freeway in the 405 Freeway and share many same characteristics within our communities.

Please do not split Fountain Valley from Garden Grove, please keep us together as like communities of interest.

Thank you,

Blake Hinnant

[REDACTED]
Fountain Valley, Ca. 92708

Subject: Community of Interest

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:19:37 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I live in a community of interest that I would refer to as the 'hills' area. The communities of Anaheim Hills, Orange, Orange Hills and Tustin/Tustin Hills have been split up in the latest Congressional Visualizations. The areas many refer to as 'the Hills' or the canyon areas of Orange County have a very unique character to them that makes them their own community of interest. These communities offer an alternative to living in densely populated, urban area like Santa Ana (Orange and Tustin have NOTHING in common with Santa Ana). Living in the hills areas affords one the type of lifestyle that is much more quiet and secluded from the hustle and bustle of busy city life.

Living in these communities is a choice and many of us choose these areas to work, live and play. The commonalities in these communities would be the terrain, the common recreational interests, the number of equestrian communities as well as the community college, Santiago Canyon College which is located in the Orange Hills area.

Please keep our communities of Orange, Orange Hills, Anaheim Hills, Tustin and Tustin Hills together and allow us to preserve our lifestyle that we have chosen by living in the more rural, hill areas of Orange County.

Sincerely,
Rachel Gaglio

Subject: community of interest

From: Thomas <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 19:22:53 -0400 (EDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I live in a community of interest that is referred to as "The Hills". The communities of Anaheim Hills, Orange, Orange Hills and Tustin/Tustin Hills have been split up in the latest Congressional Visualizations. The areas many refer to as 'the Hills' or the canyon areas of Orange County have a very unique character to them that makes them their own community of interest. These communities offer an alternative to living in densely populated, urban area like Santa Ana. Living in the hills areas affords one the type of lifestyle that is much more quiet and secluded from the hustle and bustle of busy city life.

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Sincerely,
Thomas Gaglio

Subject: Congressional Districts

From: Andrea Velasquez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:45:21 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing to you today regarding a marked difference between the latest Congressional map and past versions. One of those changes was the splitting of a community of interest of central, coastal OC. I am referring specifically to Irvine and Newport Beach. I noticed that they are in two separate Congressional Districts. I feel this does a great disservice to the residents of both Irvine and Newport Beach.

Irvine is a unique community, heavily influenced by its proximity to the coast and it belongs in a coastal OC district. Irvine should be linked with Newport Beach because the two are so closely connected in character and purpose. Irvine is a business hub and many Newport residents work in Irvine as well as going to school in Irvine as UC Irvine is the main university serving most of South OC, but especially residents of Newport Beach and Irvine. Newport Beach has some of the main regional shopping areas within it's city boundaries. Between Hoag Hospital, UC Irvine and the recreational and shopping areas, residents probably cross over those city lines in between those two cities several times a day without even realizing it.

Please keep our communities of interest whole, keep Irvine and Newport Beach together.

Sincerely,

Andrea Velasquez

Subject: FW: From Sterling and Dorothy Neblett, Orange Park Acres, Orange, CA
From: dorothea j neblett <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 20:49:40 -0700
To: <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Subject: From Sterling and Dorothy Neblett, Orange Park Acres, Orange, CA
Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:59:43 -0700

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Subject: Support of the "Orange Plan" as submitted by members of the Orange City Council.

As a resident of Orange Park Acres in the City of Orange, I want to thank you for your consideration to the interests and needs of all the varying communities. We feel very strongly about the district in which we reside, and we want to urgently appeal to you to keep Orange Park Acres in a single congressional district.

Orange Park Acres is unique and completely unlike Santa Ana, and does not belong in the same district as Santa Ana. Orange is mostly a community of quiet neighborhoods and small businesses. Putting Orange into a congressional district with Santa Ana and Anaheim would serve to minimize our voice and our ability to receive attentive representation. We are asking you to revert our placement back as it was shown in one of the original visualizations, and link us with similar neighborhoods and smaller communities, such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin. We wholeheartedly support the "Orange Plan" as submitted by members of the Orange City Council today. This will allow us to work with communities of similar interests and not be dominated by much larger or more influential cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim.

Thank you for your work on our behalf,

Sincerely,

Sterling and Dorothy Neblett

[REDACTED]
Orange, CA 92869

Subject: Grassroots-Redistricting-Letter-FINAL[1].doc

From: "Rath, Tom" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:34:48 +0000

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> AND
<[REDACTED]>

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July 19, 2011

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

RE: Orange County State Legislative and Congressional Boundary Maps

Dear Commissioners –

As an active civic leader in Orange County, I respectfully submit the following recommendations to the California Redistricting Commission as it begins to finalize the state's legislative boundary maps. These recommendations articulate my belief that communities of interest – cities and regions that face similar challenges and opportunities – be grouped together as much as possible.

- The **City of Orange** should only be represented by one congressional district. It is too small of a city to have to spread its representation between two districts. Additionally, its communities of interest are cities like Tustin and Villa Park – not Santa Ana.
- **Coto de Caza** should not be split into two congressional districts. This small neighborhood would effectively lose its voice if it were to be divided in two.
- The **City of Fountain Valley** should be grouped with Huntington Beach in all legislative boundaries, including congressional and assembly districts. These two cities share a long history and benefit from contiguous representation. Grouping Fountain Valley with Garden Grove and Westminster does not uphold the Commission's "community of interest" criterion.
- The latest **Board of Equalization** maps seem wildly illogical and problematic for Orange County. As currently drafted, the vertical orientation of the BOE districts groups southern California cities with those on the Oregon border! Rather than this confusing configuration, the counties of Orange, San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino and Riverside should be grouped together, while Los Angeles has its own BOE district.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of these recommendations. I recognize the complexity of the Commission's job and appreciate your commitment to developing the fairest possible electoral boundaries across California.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rath
Lake Forest, CA