

**Subject:** Letter in support of 1st Draft BOE Lines

**From:** "MJDuran" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:58:55 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

Attached and below please find my letter in support of the Commissions first draft of maps for the Board of Equalization. Regards,  
MJ Duran

TO: Citizen Redistricting Commission  
RE: Board of Equalization District Lines

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Sincerely,

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Former Senior Advisor and Director of Inter-Agency Affairs, US Small Business Administration

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**DURÁN ALVAREZ**  
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President

Newport Beach, CA 92660

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**Subject:** Orange County Legislative Boundaries

**From:** "Liz Ibarra" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 15:47:03 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]> "Steve Greyshock" <[REDACTED]> "Lacy Kelly"

<[REDACTED]> "Kenneth Piguee" <[REDACTED]>

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Association of California Cities – Orange County.

Sincerely,

Lacy Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer

*Association of California Cities - Orange County*

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Orange, CA 92868

July 19, 2011

California Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
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**RE: Orange County Legislative Boundaries**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC), I am pleased to submit the following comments regarding the latest iterations of the California Redistricting Commission’s draft legislative maps.

The ACC-OC has remained steadfastly committed to two fundamental objectives during this process: 1) that cities should be contiguously represented to the maximum extent practicable and 2) that communities of interest – cities with similar civic challenges and opportunities – should be grouped as much as possible. Today, we remain focused on achieving these objectives and submit the following recommendations for the Commission’s consideration:

- **Senate - City of Lake Forest:** Lake Forest has long been a part of the fabric of South Orange County. It is one of the most densely populated cities in the region and its civic issues and challenges largely mirror that of its South County neighbors. As currently, drafted, Lake Forest’s senate district would include cities as far away – both by geography and commonalities – as the City of Walnut. Therefore, all of Lake Forest should be included in the Senate District immediately to its south, as recommended by Commissioner Michael Ward.
- **Congressional - Coto de Caza:** The small, unincorporated neighborhood of Coto de Caza should not be split in two congressional districts. As currently drafted, the southernmost tip of the community – encompassing only a small number of homes – is drawn into a congressional district that stretches south to La Jolla. This would effectively eliminate any voice this small neighborhood would have. Therefore, the boundary should be adjusted to ensure that the community is represented by one congressional district.



- **Congressional – City of Orange:** The City of Orange should only be represented by one congressional district. It's communities of interest are Tustin and Villa Park, not Santa Ana. Should splitting a small portion of the city in two be required as part of VRA requirements, the boundary should be the 57 freeway.
- **Assembly - City of Fountain Valley:** 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. In short, they are the definition of "communities of interest." 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.
- **Board of Equalization – County of Orange:** We submit to the Commission that the BOE boundaries follow more logical geographic boundaries instead of their current vertical orientation. In fact, it is our understanding that a driving criterion in the current BOE boundaries was the location of BOE district offices. We believe that a more logical and representative grouping would be the counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and Orange in one district with Los Angeles encompassed in another.

The ACC-OC shares the Commission's goal to create the most representative boundaries possible. While we appreciate the Commission's efforts to ensure logical and fair boundaries in Orange County, we respectfully ask that the above recommendations are incorporated in the final draft of legislative maps.

Sincerely,



Lacy Kelly  
CEO  
ACC-OC

**Subject:** Orange County State Legislative and Congressional Boundary Maps

**From:** Krueger Al <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:37:27 +0000

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

July 19, 2011

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Al Krueger  
City of Lake Forest, Ca

**Subject:** Orange County State Legislative and Congressional Boundary Maps

**From:** Thomas Nielsen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:58:36 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Please do not place Orange with Santa Ana and Anaheim's Congressional District

**From:** "Fred Whitaker" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:02:28 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a resident and Member of the City Council of the City of Orange, I want to thank you for your service and your attention to the needs of local communities. I have watched you struggle with how to handle our city and our desire to be kept whole inside a single congressional district.

Our city is unique. Unlike Santa Ana, which is the government seat for Orange County, or Anaheim, which has become a 24 hour tourist destination, Orange is mostly a community of quiet neighborhoods and small businesses. Anaheim and Santa Ana are two and three times larger than Orange. We are not part of the urban core of Orange County like they are. Putting Orange into a congressional district with Santa Ana and Anaheim would serve to minimize our voice and our ability to receive adequate representation.

Therefore, it is our desire to be linked with other similar neighborhoods and smaller communities, such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin. These communities and the unincorporated areas in the canyons surrounding them largely overlap with our school district and our SCAG "sphere of influence" for the City of Orange. Anaheim and Santa Ana do not. Combining us with Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin, and the canyones will allow us to work with communities of similar interests and not be dominated by much larger and far more influential cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,  
Fred M. Whitaker  
Council Member, City of Orange  
631 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Orange, CA, 92866

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Jane M Olson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 00:04:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jane M Olson <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: redistricting the City of Orange

Message Body:

I know your job is a difficult one with pitfalls around every bend. I thank you for your public service and leadership. The city of Orange is unique in this county with a rich historical and agricultural heritage. Ed Royce has served us well and I am grateful for his servant leadership and the way he connects with the community. Orange has very little in common with Santa Ana or Anaheim, both large, complex cities. I request that Orange not be lumped together with those cities.

Regards and blessings on your task,  
Jane Olson

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Stephanie <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 01:57:46 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Stephanie <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Los Alamitos Redistricting

Message Body:

I am a resident of Los Alamitos. Per your "Phase 1" redistricting lines, you have grouped our small city located in Orange County along with Rossmore another small city in Orange County with Long Beach, a large city in Los Angeles County with a very, VERY, different socio-economic population, crime rates, house values, laws, etc. Why lump in cities from different counties? This makes no sense. I would invite your committee to re-explore other options. Our city will not have the accountability with a large city like Long Beach. I would like to know how I can stay informed on such decisions. I look forward to emails on this so I can be aware of potential changes to our future!!!!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 3 - Orange

**From:** Leann Luchinger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 02:18:59 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Leann Luchinger <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Orang/Villa Park

Message Body:

Dear Commission Members,

First let me thank you for your hours of service to our state. I know that you strive to create a fair process for all involved.

As a resident of Orange/Villa Park I request that you do not split up our city. Orange and Villa Park have a long and connected history. Our small town community feel, coupled with our unique old town areas would be irreparably damaged. Our residents have selected Orange because of this special community.

In addition, our city is more demographically and politically connected to our neighbors in North Tustin, Anaheim Hills, and Yorba Linda.

Anaheim and Santa Ana are unique in their own way, yet vastly different from Orange/Villa Park.

Splitting Orange would cause us to become irrelevant and unappreciated.

Thank you for your sincere consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,  
Leann Luchinger

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**From:** joDY MILNE <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 20 Jul 2011 05:37:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: joDY MILNE <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Villa Park/Orange

Message Body:

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Thank you

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**Subject:** Redistricting - Tustin Hills

**From:** Joni Stenquist <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:42:21 +0000

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

Dear Commissioners

I live in the unincorporated area in Orange County referred to as Tustin Hills or North Tustin. I love our community because it offers us an alternative to living in densely populated urban areas like Santa Ana or the beach communities. Our office is in Santa Ana and living in the hill area allows us to be close to our work but live a more peaceful lifestyle than possible in a city. The rural hill areas of Orange County have many things in common. Tustin Hills, along with Orange Hills, Ladera Ranch, and Coto De Caza are a community of interest. Please consider keeping our communities together to allow us a voice and to preserve the lifestyle that we have chosen by living in the more rural hill areas of Orange County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joni K. Stenquist

**Subject:** Redistricting - Tustin Hills

**From:** "Carole Katz" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:10:04 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I bought a home in the North Tustin area in 1979 because of the semi-rural environment and proximity to other similar neighborhoods. Other neighborhoods in our community of interest are Orange Hills, Ladera Ranch and Coto De Caza. Do not divide our communities of mutual interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carole Katz

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission comment

**From:** Michael Hornak <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:53:14 -0700

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

July 19, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael T. Hornak



Mission Viejo, CA 92692

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission

**From:** "mjvaughn" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:03:09 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

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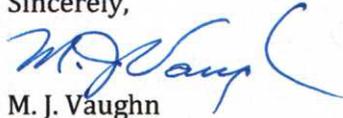
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M. J. Vaughn

[REDACTED]  
Laguna Niguel 92677  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Redistricting Commission

**From:** Micah William <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:03:15 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I have been watching with great interest the redistricting hearings and want to thank you for your work on behalf of California. As a resident of the City of Fountain Valley, I have a suggestion regarding your maps.

I believe Fountain Valley shares a community of interest with Santa Ana and Anaheim. Fountain Valley is not a coastal community. We are a bedroom community and many of our residents work in or near the government center of Santa Ana, or in the tourism related industries centered around Anaheim. We also share recreational facilities, such as Mile Square Regional Park, 607 acres in our community which is used by residents of both Santa Ana and Fountain Valley. Residents of Fountain Valley travel to Santa Ana for both governments services and for shopping and entertainment. We are a part of central Orange County, not the beach communities to the west.

In addition to this, I believe that the Asian communities in West Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Fountain Valley constitute an additional community of interest and I ask you to consider that.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to support the maps submitted by the City of Orange, which move Fountain valley to your SNORN district and move Irvine to your STHOC district.

Sincerely,

MW

**Subject:** Redistricting considerations

**From:** "Mark Murphy" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:26:48 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "Mark Murphy" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As a lifelong resident and former Mayor of the City of Orange, I want to thank you for your service and your attention to the needs of local communities. I recognize the challenges in how to redistrict and responding to the desire of having our entire city reside within a single congressional district.

Our city is unique. Unlike Santa Ana, which is the government seat for Orange County, or Anaheim, which has become a top visitor destination, Orange is a community of diverse quiet neighborhoods and small businesses including its Old Towne historic district and the more rural equestrian community of Orange Park Acres.

Placing Orange into a congressional district with Santa Ana and Anaheim would serve to minimize our voice and reduce our ability to receive attentive representation. It is our desire to be linked with other similar neighborhoods and smaller communities, such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills, Villa Park and Tustin. These communities are more closely related and share much in common related to history, churches and retail districts. This will allow us to work with communities of similar interests and rather than be placed with the much larger cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim.

I am supportive of the Orange Plan proposed by the members of the Orange City Council and would request that you use it as your final recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Murphy

**Subject:** Redistricting for Los Alamitos-Orange County

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:12:59 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Committee:

I am a resident of Los Alamitos. I just became aware that the proposed redistricting lines will potentially lump our small city in ORANGE COUNTY, along with Rossmore, another small city in ORANGE COUNTY, with Long Beach, located in LOS ANGELES COUNTY, that has a very different socio-economic population, crime rate, house value, laws, and many other distinctions that have no assimilation to our small city values and needs. We will not be represented with the same fairness of a city like Long Beach if Rossmore and Los Alamitos are grouped together.

Los Angeles County and Orange County have very different budgets, schools, roads....I do not see how beneficial grouping the two different counties together will benefit our small city. I encourage your committee to re-explore other options that do not mix different cities and counties together. That is just a horrible way to go about fairness and equality for the people.

I would like to have more information on how to stay informed on this redistricting decisions. Can you provide a website or literature that has current information regarding where lines are to be drawn.

Respectfully yours,

Stephanie Janji

[REDACTED]  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** "L [REDACTED]"

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:51:50 -0700

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

Dear Commissioners,

Our community of Orange has much more in common with Yorba Linda, Tustin, Anaheim, Hills, Villa Park etc. Please do not put us in a congressional district with Santa Ana.....with their population size, our smaller communities will not be recognized. Thank you for your hard work and your consideration

Respectfully  
Larry Dick  
Sent from my iPad

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** Michelle Kreger <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:45:00 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I live in a community of interest that I would refer to as the 'hills' areas. 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.

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Thank you,  
Michelle Kreger

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** Aichuan Kwong <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:30:46 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

I'm writing because of the information from your website. I understand that the commission is in favor of Option One and noticed this map was very different than previous versions, specifically in regards to Irvine and Newport Beach being two separate districts. I believe these two communities should remain within the same district. Besides being neighboring cities, many residents of each city both work and enjoy the other.

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

Thank you,

Aichuan Kwong

[REDACTED]

Irvine, CA 92618

**Subject:** Re-Districting

**From:** DEREK KREGER <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 18:48:39 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Derek Kreger

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 23:35:51 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

As someone who works in the City of Orange, I want to thank you for your service and your attention to the needs of local communities. I have watched you struggle with how to handle our city and our desire to be kept whole inside a single congressional district.

Our city is unique. Unlike Santa Ana, which is the government seat for Orange County, or Anaheim, which has become a 24 hour tourist destination, 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. Therefore, it is our desire to be linked with other similar neighborhoods and smaller communities, such as Anaheim Hills, Tustin Hills and Tustin. 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 again for your service.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Parmis Khatibi

**Subject:** REMOVE LA HABRA from LA COUNTY VOTING DISTRICTS

**From:** "Peter" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 16:14:10 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** <[REDACTED]>

The Citizens Redistricting Commission has proposed to place La Habra in both Senate and Assembly Districts that are composed entirely of Los Angeles County cities. In both cases, La Habra would be the ONLY Orange County city in these districts, diluting my voice on important issues and potentially dismissing issues that are important on only one side of the arbitrary but significant County Line. I strongly urge you to avoid this gaff and adjust accordingly so that La Habra and its residents are not pulled out of a logical district and placed into a pool of LA County cities. This has a significant impact on La Habra's ability to be effectively representing on issues of concern to us relating to education, public safety, transportation, land use and many other legislative issues.

While I support the CRC efforts to improve the quality and equality of our districting, this is no solution I can tolerate. Please create a logical, fair, and reasonable district that does not eliminate our ability to have a voice. Democracy doesn't work if an entire City is drowned in a pool of its neighboring Cities in LA County. CHANGE THIS PLEASE!

Thank you very much for your consideration,

**Peter J. Blied**

**La Habra resident and active voter**

[REDACTED]

Wit makes its own welcome, and levels all distinctions. No dignity, no learning, no force of character, can make any stand against good wit. - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

**Subject:** Revised mapping for Orange County

**From:** Dave <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 19 Jul 2011 22:57:59 +0000

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

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 –

It has come to my attention that there are problems to yet be resolved with the latest proposed district boundaries as follows:

- The **City of Orange** should not be nested with Santa Ana, but with COI's like Tustin and Villa Park.
- **Coto de Caza** is too small to be split and doing so would ruin the show *The Real Housewives of Orange County*.
- 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 water theme and long history and benefit from contiguous representation. Grouping Fountain Valley with Garden Grove and Westminster does not uphold the COI criteria.
- The **Board of Equalization** should be eliminated. This may not be politically feasible, however, so it should be redistricted instead into four jurisdictions that make sense for business and private taxpayers which means keeping Southern California, both coastal and inland, part of a Southern California BOE district.

Thank you for developing electoral boundaries that make sense and provide fair representation across California, for Californians.

Sincerely,

Dave Stefanides  
Aliso Viejo, California