

Subject: ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

From: Zeke Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 11:42 AM

To: [REDACTED] Lonn Leitch <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

League of United Latin American Citizens

Santa Ana LULAC Council #147

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Orange County LULAC District #1

[REDACTED] Santa Ana, CA 92702-1810

July 24, 2011

RE: ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICTS

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*** This district can be brought back towards the central portion of Orange County.

Second – Please understand this --- there is less of a problem of having a portion of Orange County in Los Angeles as long as it is NOT an overabundance of area AND vice versa for Orange County.

Thank You,

~ Zeke Hernandez
President

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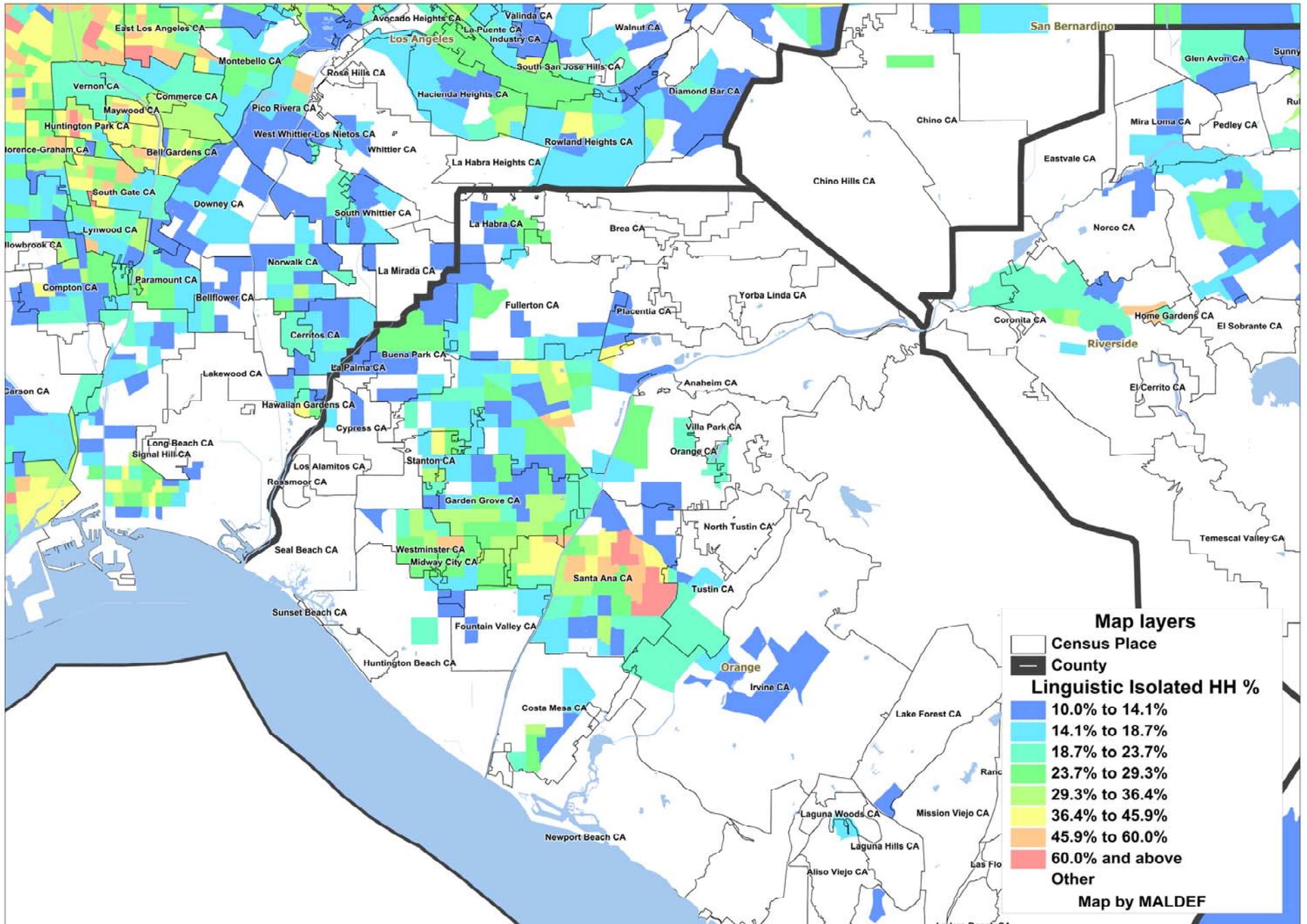
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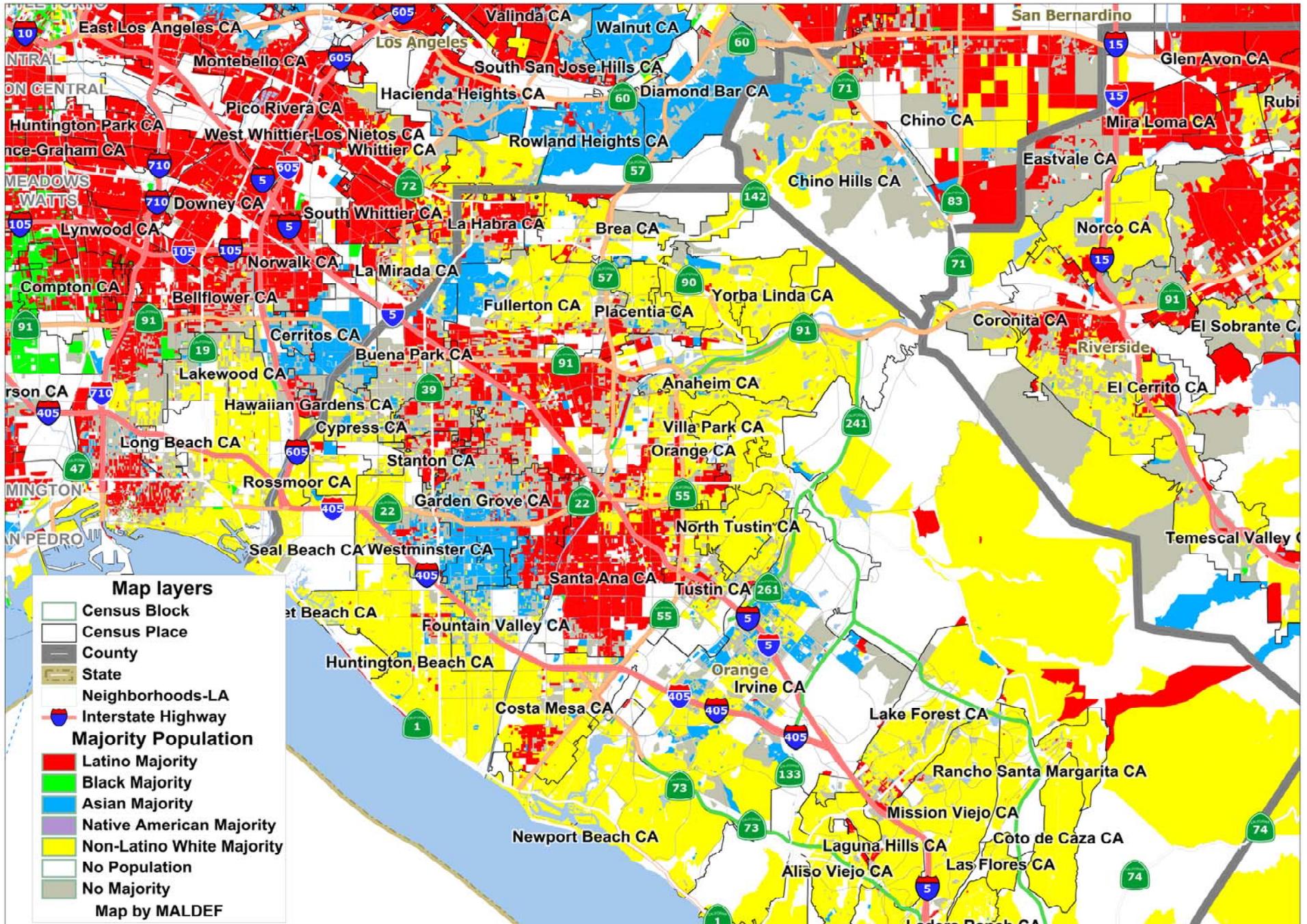
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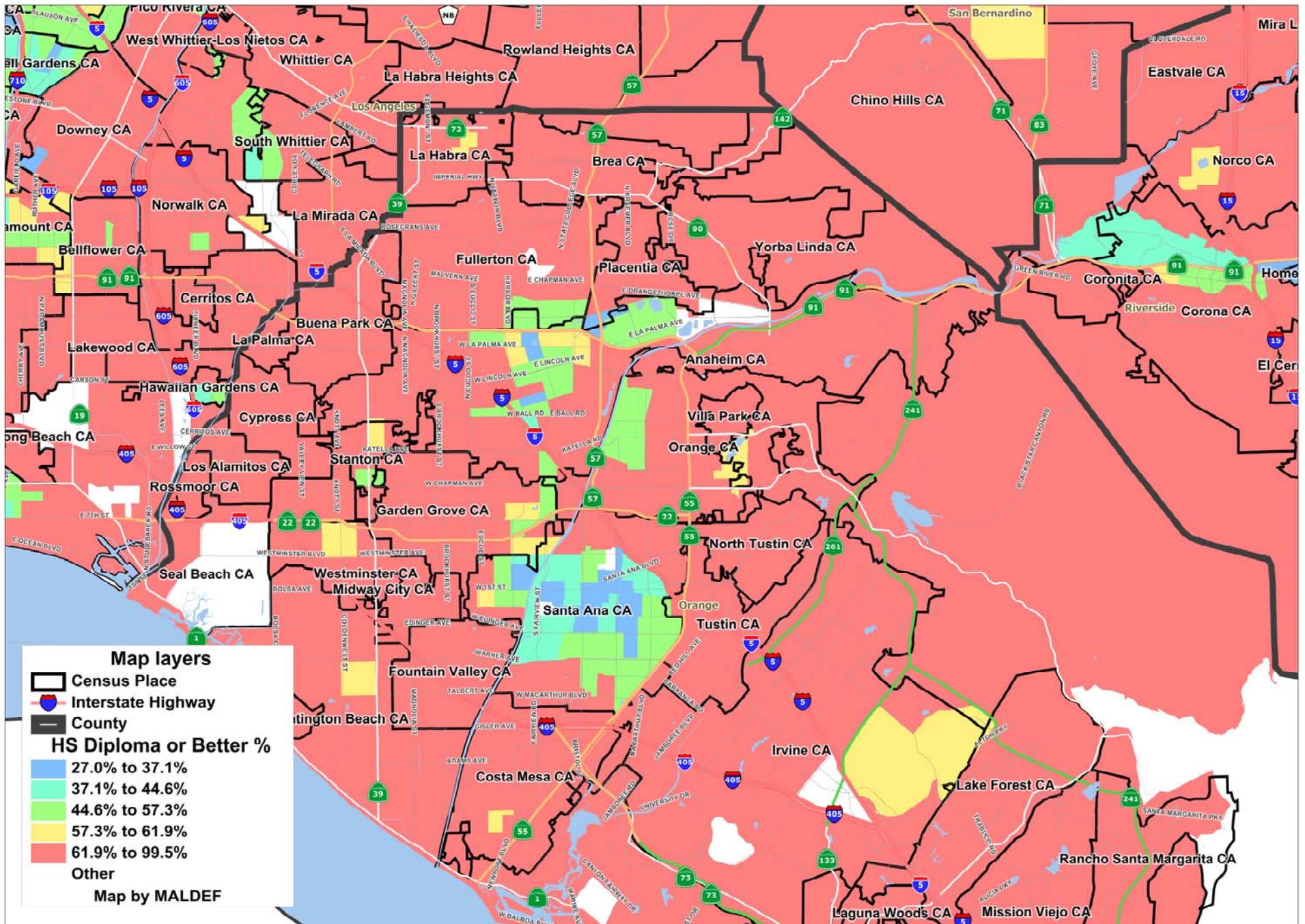
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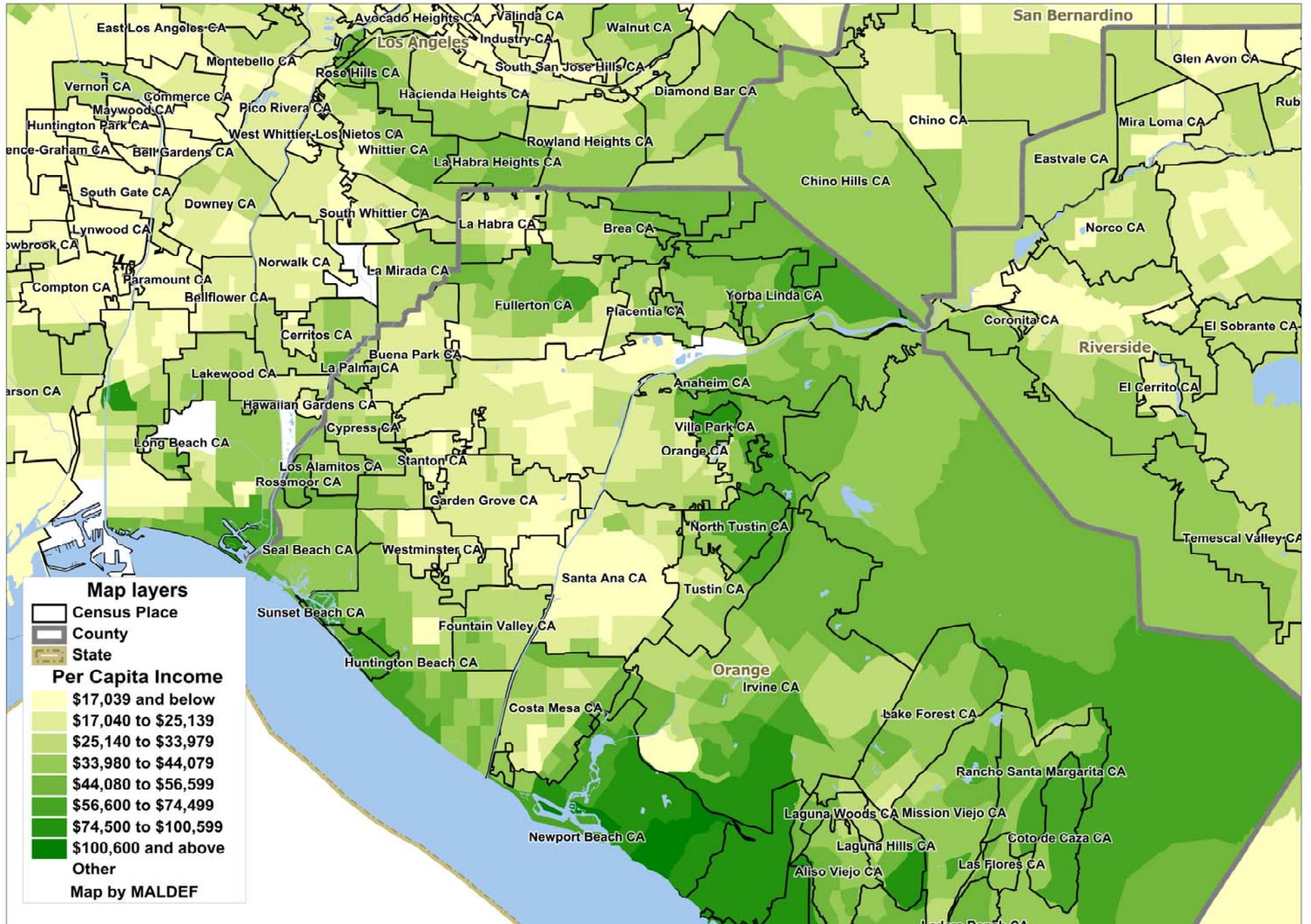
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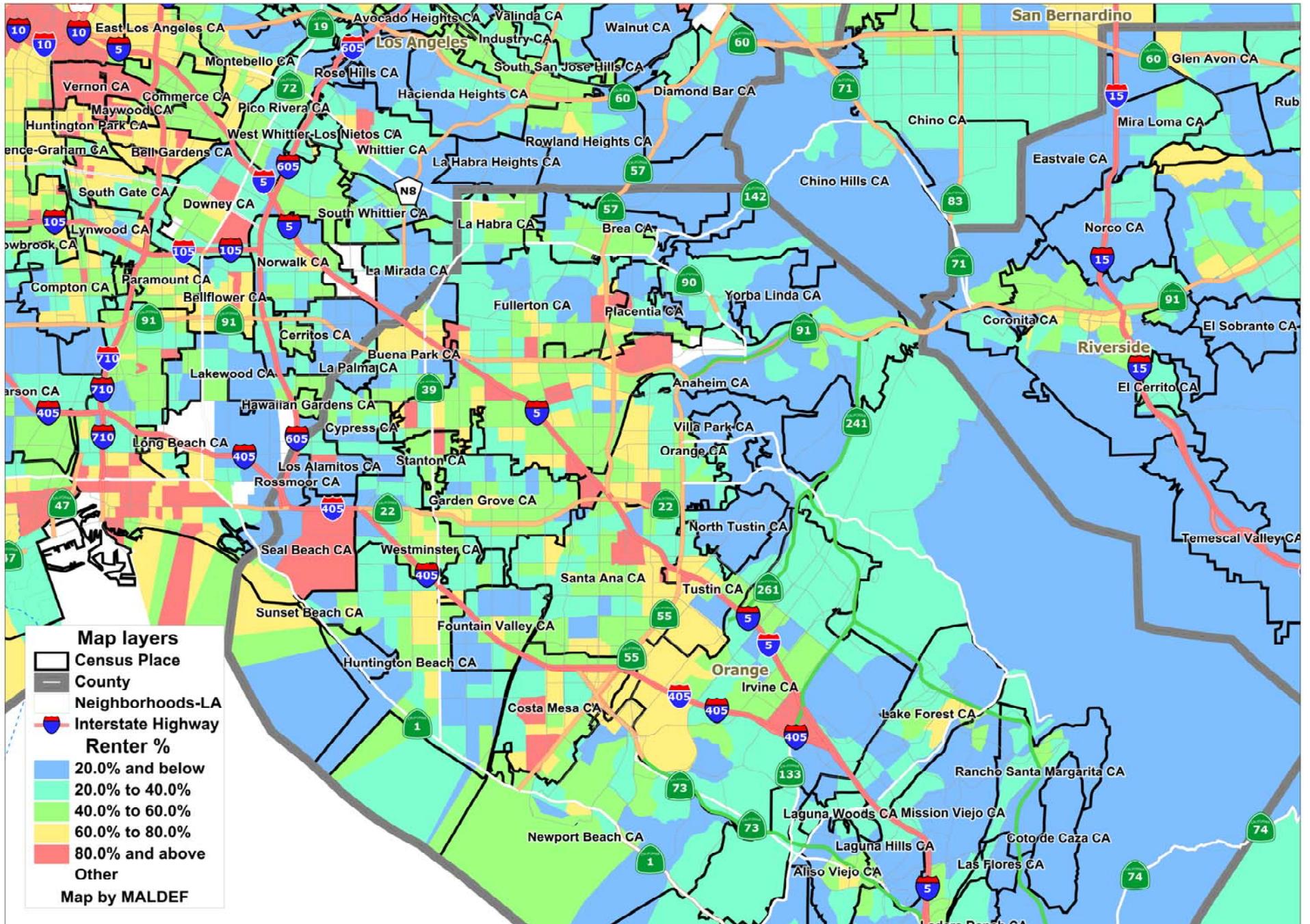
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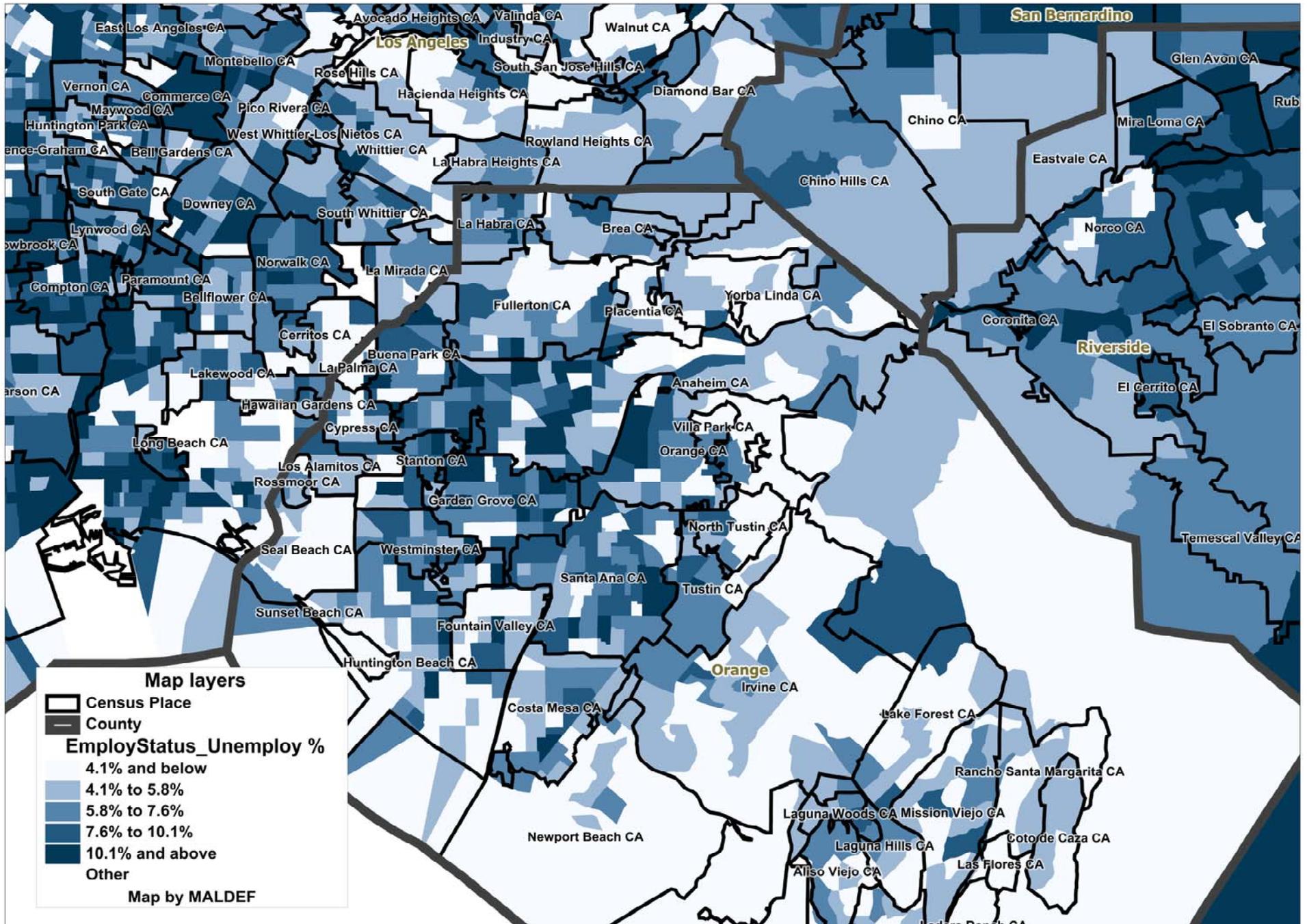
Orange County Area - Per Capita Income in 2009



Orange County Area - Percentage Rented of Occupied Housing Units



Orange County Area - Unemployment Percentage in 2009



Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Jorge Padilla <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 9:43 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jorge Padilla <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Orange county

Message Body:

I am a hispanic father of 4 children. I do not feel under-represented and don't like being classified as a community of interest, that my needs are the same as everyone else like jobs, good schools and roads. I don't feel that only a Hispanic representative can understand Hispanics, and the representatives in anaheim where I live have always reached out. Most of my concerns are local issues.

What we need at the higher levels of government are people of good character, with big picture mindsets who will stop sacrificing jobs and the economy for those of us at the lower income levels just to satisfy the lobbying efforts of the wealthier busy bodies who care more for causes that ultimately sacrifice jobs for humans. I or my family don't take advantage of free programs even though we qualify. This shouldn't be a fight to the finish and the district with the most goodies wins. It should be a fight for values like hard work, personal responsibility, let people find the jobs they need and keep more of what they make so they can support themselves. In real life we all know The more you give to your own kids for free, the more rotten they become. And as a former Volleyball athlete, you NEVER pare all the poorer performing athletes together. You put them in with the better athletes because it creates a drive to perform better. Don't lump us all together in on!

e district just because we're all lower middle class or poor. Create some diversity of thought and successes and our children will see what's possible and in turn have hope in their own schools and cities and "districts"! Help us better our own communities for our families sake.

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: Christine Martin [REDACTED]

Date: 7/24/2011 11:05 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Christine Martin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

PLEASE DO NOT DIVIDE HUNTINGTON BEACH!!! Please leave Huntington Beach WHOLE, as the Coastal voting district it has always been

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Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: "Matthew R. Quan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 6:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Matthew R. Quan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Don't Split Irvine and Newport Beach

Message Body:

Dear Commission Members,

My name is Matthew Quan and I am advocating that, if the preponderance of responses is clear, don't split Irvine and Newport Beach.

The citizens of Irvine and Newport Beach traverse the city boundaries every day, whether it is for work, school or play. As an alumni of the University of California, Irvine and resident of the area for a number of years I have lived in both cities. Indeed so intertwined are these two cities that quite literally the entire university population has as some point lived in both Irvine and Newport Beach and continue to cross over seamlessly.

This of course is no accident. Irvine and Newport Beach share the same computer, high tech, service oriented economy and many people live in one city and work in another. The University of California, Irvine for example is located right on the border of Irvine and Newport Beach and its population of 11,000 faculty and staff and 28,000 students makes it a cornerstone to the economies of both cities. The namesake of Irvine, the Irvine Company, has its headquarters in Newport Beach. Even our current representative, John Campbell, lives in Irvine and has his district office in Newport Beach.

Moreover our infrastructure has developed together. We share the Irvine ranch Water District, itself a carryover from both cities shared history of the Irvine Ranch. The movement of people day to day is from the Newport Beach to Irvine, again a relic of the orientation of the Irvine Ranch. Our major streets and even bicycle lanes run from the coast to the mountains rather than north or south. Even in recession and budgets shrink, Irvine and Newport Beach are converging closer together, merging city services and agreements.

I implore this commission not to split Irvine and Newport Beach.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Quan

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Loretta Molino <lorett[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 12:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: lorett[REDACTED]

Honorable Redistricting Commissioners:

I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I strongly support the last revision that kept Huntington Beach together with Fountain Valley, and Costa Mesa. I don't want to be bundled with Irvine because we have very few common interests. We want to keep our school and water districts in tact and as they are.

Sincerely,

Loretta Molino

[REDACTED]
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Subject: CAPAFR comment re: Senate Districts CHFUL and LAPRW

From: Eugene Lee <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 1:03 PM

To: Voters First Act <[REDACTED]>

CC: Deanna Kitamura <[REDACTED]> Joanna Lee <[REDACTED]> Daniel Ichinose <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of CAPAFR, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center offers the following observation about the proposed change to Senate Districts LAPRW and CHFUL, which would move La Habra from CHFUL to LAPRW, and the portion of Buena Park that is in LAPRW into CHFUL:

1. Executing a switch of La Habra and Buena Park between LAPRW and CHFUL would bring the LCVAP of District LAPRW above 50%. Currently, the LCVAP of District LAPRW is below 50% (at 49.6%).
2. Also, executing this switch would result in one fewer city split. Currently, Buena Park is split between LAPRW and CHFUL. Executing the change would result in the unification of Buena Park.
3. Lastly, the change would result in a greater part of the north Orange County community of interest being kept together in one district. This COI consists of Buena Park, Fullerton, Brea, Cypress, La Palma, Cerritos and Artesia. Moving Buena Park from LAPRW to CHFUL places more of this COI in CHFUL.

Best regards,
Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee
Voting Rights Project Director

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER
Member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice

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Subject: Redistricting

From: Harriet Wedemeyer <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 3:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I have recently learned of your plan to include the city of Villa Park with the city of Santa Ana. As a resident of Villa Park, a small unique city, I am quite concerned with this plan. We have little in common with Santa Ana and our voice will be practically non existant when coupled with a large city such as Santa Ana. We are mostly a bedroom community and should be linked with other similar communities like Anaheim Hills, Tustin, Orange, and Tustin Hills. I think a plan like this has been submitted my the Orange Cily Council. Please consider the "Orange Plan" as it would better represent our city of Villa Park.

Thank you for your service.

Yours truly,

Harriet Wedemeyer
Villa Park Resident

Subject: The California Citizens Redistricting Committee

From: Christine Pyle <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 10:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [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. You are on the right track! Thank you for keeping communities of interest together. I support your congressional map configuration that puts Huntington Beach with Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and other coastal cities.

Please keep Huntington Beach where it is in your current congressional map, please keep us together with like communities of interest that care about beach and coastal protection.

Sincerely,

Chris Pyle

[REDACTED]
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Subject: Public Comment: 3 - Orange

From: DeEtte Kirkconnell <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 8:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: DeEtte Kirkconnell <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Huntington Beach

Message Body:

I don't see the need to divide Huntington Beach into North and South. We should remain just the way we are in the regards to how we vote.

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Subject: CAPAFR comment re: Senate Districts CHFUL, WSTSA and LAPRW

From: Eugene Lee <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 12:15 PM

To: Voters First Act <[REDACTED]>

CC: Joanna Lee <[REDACTED]> Deanna Kitamura <[REDACTED]> Daniel Ichinose <[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of CAPAFR, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center respectfully offers the following three observations about Senate Districts CHFUL, WSTSA and LAPRW:

1. Moving Cypress and La Palma from Senate District CHFUL to Senate District WSTSA would further divide the geographical integrity of a north Orange County COI that the Commission has received substantial testimony about. This north Orange County COI resides in Cypress, La Palma, Buena Park, Cerritos, Artesia, Fullerton and Brea.

The geographical integrity of this COI is already divided between LAPRW and CHFUL. Moving Cypress and La Palma to WSTSA would further divide the geographical integrity of this COI by separating Cypress and La Palma from the remainder of this COI, resulting in this COI being split across Districts WSTSA in addition to LAPRW and CHFUL.

2. The Vietnamese American community members that CAPAFR worked with believe that the Little Saigon COI consists of Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Midway City, and the west part of Santa Ana.

From at least the perspective of the Vietnamese American community members that CAPAFR has worked with, Cypress and La Palma may need to be candidates for pairing with Little Saigon for purposes of achieving population equality, but they are not part of the Little Saigon COI.

Best regards,
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Los Angeles, CA 90017
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Subject: congressional district maps

From: Ted Butch <[REDACTED]>

Date: 7/24/2011 8:49 AM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to voice my support for the latest congressional district maps. I have lived in Costa Mesa since 1962. I've watched this area of Orange County change and grow a lot since then, and one thing I've noticed is our communities of interest are still the same: Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Irvine was orange groves when I was growing up. It's development happened later along with the rest of south county. There is no way that we have much in common with Irvine. So I was happy to see the maps change to reflect Costa Mesa's historic communities of interest, cities like Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Please don't change that, and please keep us in a separate district from Irvine.

Sincerely,

Ted Butch

[REDACTED]
Costa Mesa

