

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

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Thank you for your consideration.

Name CHRISTINE ALLEN

Address [REDACTED]

STUDIO CITY, CA 91604

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Stark, Stephen" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 1 Jul 2011 11:13:55 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

I live in the City of Santa Clarita. I live in the subdivision of Old Orchard 1, which was the first community of Valencia. I have heard that the redistricting boundary puts our neighborhood into the San Fernando district. My community has absolutely nothing in common with the San Fernando Valley. My interest are in the Santa Clarita Valley and I want to vote on representatives and issues related to the remainder of this valley. The significant majority of the City of Santa Clarita remains together and my neighborhood is split apart from my community. It makes no sense to force me into a position that I am represented on issues of the San Fernando Valley. This move is very upsetting. It is amazing the interests of the citizens are not considered when district lines are drawn. There appears to be no consideration of encouraging citizens to get involved in the issues of their local community. regard to the interests of the communities. Thank you for considering my concerns. Steve Stark, Santa Clarita

Thank you,

Stephen Stark
Client Services Manager/UUT Manager
MuniServices, LLC

[REDACTED]
Santa Clarita, CA 93355



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Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Linda Rarey <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 2011 04:32:17 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Linda Rarey <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Maps

Message Body:

I live in Chatsworth, an area that is quite obviously gerrymandered in the current districting. However, I am having difficulty determining the new suggested boundaries for my area from the maps provided for the first draft. Is there another source of information that details the new boundaries?

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

From: Treacy Colbert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 1 Jul 2011 19:30:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Treacy Colbert <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Long Beach

Message Body:

I support the proposal put forth by Long Beach 7th District Council Member James Johnson, which accomplishes the goals of keeping the district as compact as possible, not dividing neighborhoods, using major streets as boundaries and adhering to population requirements. I would urge the LB City Council to vote in favor of this plan on July 6. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: objection to proposed Congressional redistricting

From: "Gary Maier" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 1 Jul 2011 11:57:15 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

As a Brentwood Glen family, we strongly object to the proposed redistricting of our community to join Westwood and a change of Congressional representation. We support the Brentwood Glen Association's position that the change is not good for the Brentwood Glen community since our identity is with Brentwood, not Westwood. The 405 Freeway is more than a physical divider. The issues facing Brentwood and Westwood are very different, particularly given the sizable presence of UCLA and related matters. We urge you to consider these issues and not change our district.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Maier

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

[REDACTED]

Subject: El Rancho Verde MAC

From: E Teasley <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 1 Jul 2011 18:18:59 -0700

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

CC: Walter Hawkins <[REDACTED]>

That's the area that the IEAARC was referring to, on which the CRC ended their map-drawing conversation, I believe. It's about 1400 people. They should check with Walter Hawkins to be sure.

Best,
Erica

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Erica Teasley Linnick, Esq.

Coordinator

African American Redistricting Collaborative (AARC)

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles CA 90044

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Brentwood Zip Code 90049

From: Neal Harris <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 1 Jul 2011 09:19:01 -0700

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

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am a property owner and citizen who lives in Brentwood, CA zip code 90049. We are very pleased with our district.

Please do NOT divide our district. Our community 90049 should stay as one.

Redistricting this zip code will not be good for our community.

Thank You,

Neal F. Harris

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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June 29, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Martin Kline

Studio City, CA 91604

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Dear Commisioners,

While being aware of the difficult task before you, I must plead that you do not split Studio City in half! Please make Studio City whole within one State Senate district that will encompass the two Assembly Districts. I have lived in Studio City for over sixty years and have had the pleasure of seeing the pride in our community grow and watching it flourish with the guidance of our Residents Association, our Neighborhood Council and the efforts of our Beautification Committee and the Save Los Angeles River Open Space teamwork.

We have so little in common with Santa Clarita, Castaic and Gorman and with downtown and southern communities.

I urge you to keep our beautiful community whole!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Gregory



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July 1, 2011

California Redistricting Commission
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Thank you for your consideration.

Name: *Ronald A. Frankle*

Address: [REDACTED]

FAX: [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your consideration.

Name
Address

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Tuesday, June 28, 2011

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[REDACTED]
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Fax: [REDACTED]

Re: Redistricting: Studio City

Dear Commissioners,

We are residents of Studio City in the San Fernando Valley, and have lived in this area for over 25 years.

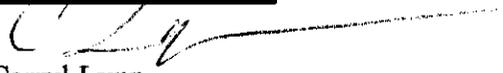
Our position is to please leave Studio City in tact. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LASCV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map, nor with LADNT.

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years

We are sure you have received many, many letter from our neighbors spelling out the details of why Studio City should remain one undivided Senate district, and additional request to nest the two proposed assembly districts: Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side/Santa Monica districts into the Senate District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carryl Lynn and Jack Wilson
[REDACTED] Studio City 91604


Carryl Lynn


Jack Wilson



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AIDE CASTRO
Mayor

City Hall _____ Lynwood, CA 90262

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June 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PUBLIC TESTIMONY – CITY OF LYNWOOD

Commissioners of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The City of Lynwood is congenially located in Southern California, in the Southeast section of Los Angeles County. The City covers 4.89 square miles with a population of approximately 69,970 residents. Lynwood is also bordered by the cities of Compton, South Gate, and some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. There are twelve elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools in Lynwood.

Currently, the City of Lynwood is located within 39th Congressional district, the 27th Senate district, and 50th Assembly district. Under the current districting, the City of Lynwood is aligned with neighboring Southeast Los Angeles cities such as South Gate, Long Beach, and Paramount. Under the Commission's first released district map proposal, Lynwood's representative jurisdictions will be greatly impacted and our city will now be grouped with cities such as Compton, Inglewood, Carson, Gardena and other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles. We also understand that, under the Commission's current proposal, as a result of the City's placement into new districts, the City will now have new legislative representation at both the Federal and State levels.

The City of Lynwood does not have any major objections to the Commission's first released draft district maps. However, as part of the Commission's Public Testimony period, the City would like to release the following official statement as it pertains to the release of the final districting maps:

"The City of Lynwood respectfully requests the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to not divide the City boundaries into separate voting districts when the Commission considers all public comments and releases its final district maps for California."

Should you have any questions with regard to the City of Lynwood's position or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We thank you in advance for hearing our concerns and receiving our Public Testimony.

Sincerely,

Aide Castro
Mayor, City of Lynwood

Cc: Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
Rob Wilcox, Communications Director
Daisy Pizana, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's Office
Senator Alan Lowenthal, 27th District
Assembly Member Ricardo Lara, 50th District
Legislative Advocacy Group
Lynwood City Council & City Manager



City of Hidden Hills

[REDACTED] Hidden Hills, California 91302
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Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Chair and Members of the Commission:

We again thank you for your efforts in creating new districts that provide equal and fair representation for all citizens of California, and in providing us the opportunity to comment on the first draft of the maps you have prepared and presented to the public.

As stated in an earlier City of Hidden Hills letter (dated 5/23/11), we would still like to see the five cities which comprise the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments (COG) – Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village – remain together in any and all districts established. The proposed California State 23rd Senate District does keep all five COG cities together. The proposed California State 41st Assembly District encompasses four of the cities, but excludes Malibu. The California 30th Congressional District totally splits our five COG cities, placing Hidden Hills and Calabasas with portions of the West San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita.

The California Constitution defines a community of interest as a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The five COG cities, which are all contract cities serviced by the Malibu Lost Hills Sheriff Station and the L.A. County Fire Department, certainly represent communities of interest, sharing common goals, as well as facing shared challenges and issues that we work on together for the benefit of the entire region and all of our residents. Working together in this manner is very important to smaller cities such as ours to give us one unified voice.

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Again, we would respectfully request that the cities of Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village be placed together in all three of the above mentioned districts, to allow us to maintain our long existing COG and to continue to work together to best address our common interests in relation to public safety, water quality, emergency preparedness, education, transportation, traffic, and any other issues that affect our cities and our region.

Respectfully,

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Cohen" followed by a small handwritten mark that appears to be "JC".

Jim Cohen
Mayor

JC/clp



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Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Kathleen Hansell

Address: [REDACTED]
Studio City, CA 91604

REGION 4: LOS ANGELES



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June 23, 2011

Councilman Tom LaBonge
Los Angeles City Hall

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Draft Redistricting Proposals

Dear Councilman LaBonge,

At our June 21st meeting, The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) reviewed the first draft maps produced by the Citizens Redistricting Commission, and are offering our specific public comment outlining our concerns through your office, as neighborhood councils are primarily City advisory bodies.

Prior to the creation of the commission's first draft maps, they received many comments urging them to keep the communities touching Griffith Park within the same legislative districts.

First and foremost, we are gratified the commission has at this juncture kept Griffith Park and the immediate neighborhoods to the south within the same State Senate and Assembly districts. This is a critical concern and we trust later drafts will keep the area as it now stands intact.

Additionally, we believe, to the best of its ability, the commission must not divide existing neighborhoods amongst different representative districts. We have found the neighborhood mapping system maintained by the Los Angeles Times at <http://projects.latimes.com/mapping-la/neighborhoods/> to be a very useful tool. If they haven't already done so, we recommend that the commission avail themselves of this utility. It is an invaluable resource for those who may not be facile with LA's over 90 unique neighborhoods and their boundaries. Boundaries that either occur by way of large geographical features (mountains, foothills, parks, river and creeks, etc.) or traditional thoroughfares (freeways, major streets or defunct carlines, etc.), which truly define our neighborhoods and the larger areas we amalgamate neighborhoods into, e.g., 'Central L.A.,' 'The Westside,' and 'Hollywood.'

We urge the commission not to split L.A. neighborhoods amongst representative districts. It is confusing and operationally counter-intuitive for unified representation. Communities like Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Miracle Mile, Hermosa Beach, LaCanada-Flintridge, etc., should not be split amongst different representatives of the California State Assembly and State Senate. Where reasonably practical, the aforementioned areas such as Central L.A., The Eastside, The Westside, The Harbor, etc. should be left intact for the same reasons neighborhoods should.

However, there is an additional dynamic the commission may have not taken into consideration. The current draft excluded areas to our North and West, which share our community's history, interests and concerns, and in their place included areas to the South and East with which we have much less in common, and additionally cross the aforementioned traditional boundaries such as the 10 Freeway and the L.A. River, and specifically in our case, the intersection of the two.

Los Feliz and the Greater Griffith Park area are part of the larger Hollywood district. Frequently referred to as "Old Hollywood," we have much more in common with the rest of the "Hollywoods," Burbank, Studio City and Glendale than with the East and South Los Angeles neighborhoods we would be sharing the new districts with. While diverse, our neighborhood and those nearby share a history and an economic engine calling for unity of representation. To name but one concern, the entertainment industry is of particular importance to our community. A significant percentage of residents of these neighborhoods are either directly or indirectly dependent upon that industry, which is situated to our West and North. Griffith Park is also a significant unifying factor with these areas which we do not share with our neighbors to the east and to the south.

The GGPNC urges the commission to attend to the comments they receive via petition and public comment calling for the type of fair and effective representation a more unified district can provide.

I'm sure you recognize how important this issue is to our shared constituents and trust you'll support our recommendations to the redistricting commission.

Sincerely,



Ron Ostrow

cc: Citizens Redistricting Commission
Caitlin Mendoza-Price, Secretary GGPNC
GGPNC Governing Board

Franklin Hills Residents Association
Los Feliz Business Improvement District
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Los Feliz Square Residents Association

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Sacramento, California 95814

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To Whom It May Concern,

The new proposed redistricting map for the State of California has placed Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada-Flintridge, Glendale and Burbank. with the mid-valley flatland areas with which we have little in common.

Flatland areas include high density, multi-residential, and commercial/manufacturing zones.

Please reconsider the proposed redistricting lines for the following reasons:

We share the desire to retain low density housing, to protect the wildlife, and flora of our open spaces.

The communities of Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge and Montrose are all low-density suburban and located between the mountain ranges of the San Gabriels and Verdugos. Glendale and Burbank have a mix of rural and low-density suburban housing, are located at the base of the Verdugo Mountains and serve as our primary hub of shopping, business and entertainment interests.

These communities share the same watershed and have joined together to create natural water retention, purification and ground-water aquifer recharge facilities, and fight high density development.

The 210 Freeway is the common connecting transportation corridor to these communities.

Thank you,
Marsh Drucker

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Sunland, CA 91040





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June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Resolution No. 11-083

Dear Commissioners,

For you information, please see the enclosed copy of executed Resolution No. 11-083, urging the California Redistricting Commission to assign Carson to be in the same State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District with adjacent "communities of interest" that have the same social, economic and ethnic make-up as Carson.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Manager's office at [REDACTED]

Yours truly,

Lisa Berglund
Principal Administrative Analyst

/GD

Encl.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO ASSIGN CARSON TO BE IN THE SAME STATE ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WITH ADJACENT "COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST" THAT HAVE THE SAME SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC MAKE-UP AS CARSON.

WHEREAS, after each federal decennial census, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts to reflect the new population data disclosed by the federal census; and

WHEREAS, those new redistricting lines will be drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, California voters authorized the creation of this Commission when they passed the Voters First Act, which appeared as Proposition 11 on the November 2008 general election ballot. Under the Act, the Commission is charged with drawing the boundaries of California's Congressional, Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization electoral districts; and

WHEREAS, the commission has 14 members from varied ethnic backgrounds and geographic locations in the state and includes five Democrats, five Republicans, and four Decline to State; and

WHEREAS, reapportionment is the permanent process by which seats in the U. S. House of Representatives are redistributed among the 50 states according to each census. Redistricting is the process of drawing district lines which means changing the boundaries every 10 years following the federal census; and

WHEREAS, the legal criteria the Commission must follow in determining district boundaries are set forth in state law, as follows:

- (1) Districts must be of equal population to comply with the U. S. Constitution.
- (2) Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that all ethnic minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
- (3) Districts must be contiguous so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.

- (4) Districts must respect the boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and minimize their division, to the extent possible.
- (5) Districts should be geographically compact, that is, have a fairly regular shape.
- (6) Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts, and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.
- (7) Districts shall not be drawn to favor or discriminate against an incumbent, candidate, or political party; and

WHEREAS, district boundaries are to be determined based on the existence of a "community of interest" of the voters assigned to each district. A community of interest is defined in state law as a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation; and

WHEREAS, examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates - *Section 2(d)(4) of Article XXI of the California Constitution.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the city of Carson, California, is of the collective consensus that the entire city of Carson represents a single "community of interest" within the meaning of state law, and that it would be legally, politically, socially, and economically appropriate that the city of Carson remain in a single State Assembly, State Senate and Congressional District. The City Council hereby directs staff to forward this resolution to each member of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and to urge each Commission member to adopt such a position in their redistricting deliberations.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2011.

Jim Dear
Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

Helen S. Kawagoe (ms)
City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. Wymber
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Helen S. Kawagoe, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council is five; that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 11-083 was duly and regularly adopted by said Council at an adjourned regular meeting duly and regularly held on the 16th day of June, 2011, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Dear, Ruiz-Raber, Santarina, Gipson and Davis-Holmes
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Helen S. Kawagoe (ms)
City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe

Diane DuBois
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Larry Van Nostran
Mayor

June 28, 2011

Ms. Jodie Filkins Webber
Chair, Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Filkins Webber:

The City of Lakewood has reviewed the Commission's recently released first draft maps for its proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district boundaries. While we appreciate the amount of work the Commission has done in crafting Lakewood's proposed districts, we ask that you agree to address concerns we have with the draft Assembly District (known as "South Gate-Lakewood" on the map) in which our community would reside.

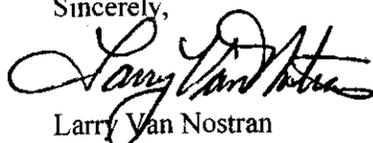
As currently drawn, the boundaries tie the most northwestern point of the Gateway Council of Governments (COG), Huntington Park, to the most southeastern, Lakewood. It goes without saying that the social, economic, and transportation issues of these vastly different corners of the Gateway COG vary greatly.

We agree wholeheartedly with the Commission's goal that the division of communities of interest should be minimized. For that reason, we are proposing a "Downey-Lakewood" Assembly District as an alternative. Lakewood's two current Assembly districts are drawn to include cities with similar characteristics – primarily residential bedroom communities with less than 100,000 residents. Our proposed district retains those similarities. Lakewood is most similar to communities like Cerritos, Norwalk, Downey, Paramount, Bellflower, Artesia, and Hawaiian Gardens, with whom we share lower densities and local economic and transportation interests, and common fire and law enforcement agencies.

Areas on the northwestern half of the proposed district are much more urbanized, have greater densities, and have little of the environmental and transportation interests with Lakewood and the other southeastern cities and are not a good fit as a community of interest.

The City of Lakewood respectfully asks the Commission to accept our proposed "Downey-Lakewood Assembly District" as an alternative to the "South Gate-Lakewood Assembly District." The alternate plan is attached to this letter and outlines the similarities and connection of the communities within this new proposed district. Our proposal meets a preponderance of the Commission's criteria and will make for a solid community of interest.

Sincerely,



Larry Van Nostran
Mayor

Lakewood

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June 27, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

We request that this letter be entered into the record for the Los Angeles County region regarding redistricting considerations.

Based in Los Angeles, 30 Years After serves to promote the participation of Iranian-American Jews in American civic and political life. The last three decades saw a significant exodus of Iranian immigrants to California. Los Angeles is now home to the largest population of Iranians and Iranian Jews outside of Iran. Over 250,000 Iranian-Americans call Los Angeles home, including 50,000 Iranian Jews. Over the last thirty years, Iranian-Americans have made significant contributions in the arts, business, academia, and recently, in public service. In 2003, Jimmy Delshad was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council, and was elected Mayor in 2007. In addition to Beverly Hills, where over one-third of the City's residents are of Iranian descent, the heart of the Iranian-American community is in Westwood (roughly north of Santa Monica between the 405 Freeway and the Beverly Hills city line) and the Pico-Robertson neighborhood (Rexford Dr. to La Cienega Blvd., south of Beverly Hills to Cadillac Ave.).

Iranian-Americans are tight-knit community of immigrants who share a rich culture and language and similar social and economic demographics. More so, the communities of Iranian-Americans in Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson are interdependent; we share markets, community centers, religious centers and schools. Westwood, known as "Little Tehran" to many, boasts countless Persian restaurants and markets, Farsi-language bookstores, and an annual *Nowrooz* festival. The four largest Persian synagogues in Los Angeles are in Beverly Hills, Westwood, Pico-Robertson, and West Hollywood, respectively. Numerous Iranian-American assisted-living facilities are located in Beverly Hills and Westwood.

Accordingly, we request that our community's tight-knit neighborhoods of Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson not be divided, as proposed, between two Assembly districts, two State Senate districts, and two Congressional districts. Because of the unique and distinct character of the Iranian-American and Iranian-Jewish communities, we set forth in the strongest terms our desire to keep our representation under a single Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional district, uniting Beverly Hills, Westwood, and Pico-Robertson.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sam Yebri
30 Years After, President

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30 YEARS AFTER is a
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City of Long Beach

JAMES JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER, SEVENTH DISTRICT

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June 28, 2011

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for taking the time to carefully consider how best to draw legislative districts so as to best represent California. It is a certainly a difficult task, and I appreciate your deliberation on this important matter.

I write to represent my opinion on the division of Long Beach into congressional districts, which I believe is also the opinion of the vast majority of my constituents. My opinion is simple: Long Beach is one community. This community should not be divided.

I was born in central Long Beach. I live in California Heights. My parents live in East Long Beach, and I frequently visit the parks in West Long Beach. I shop in North Long Beach, and visit my in-laws near the beach. I report to work on behalf of the people of the 7th District in downtown Long Beach. Long Beach is my community, and that of my residents. I know that one criterion you seek to follow is to preserve "communities of interest," and there is no better way to do this than to keep Long Beach whole.

We encourage our residents to "work, live, and play" here in Long Beach, and indeed they do. As my personal and professional life attest, residents in Long Beach share a strong, common identity. Our community should not be split up and joined with different communities miles away. There is a word for such an awkward plan: a gerrymander. Residents voted for the non-partisan commission precisely to keep communities together and to avoid such misshaped districts.

Please, do the right thing. Keep Long Beach together, as the one community that it is.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Johnson".

James Johnson
Councilmember, 7th District
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WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

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Los Angeles, California 90045
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June 26, 2011

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The Westchester Neighbors Association membership consists of the residents of people living within the 90045 zip code and is open to associate membership by our local businesses.

WNA strongly supports keeping all of Westchester-Playa Del Rey together in the redistricting and thanks the commission for its first draft which accomplishes this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Stuart H. Garrison, Chairperson

Westchester Neighbors Association



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Joe Aguilar
Mayor

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June 27, 2011

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Commerce, I would like to respectfully request the Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Commerce in a single Congressional, Senate and Assembly district. The residents of Commerce strongly support retaining our community within our existing districts. Any redistricting effort which separates Commerce from adjoining cities will dilute our voice in the legislature and compromise our ability to address issues of importance to Commerce and the surrounding communities of interest.

For example, we share common health and environmental matters related to railroad and truck traffic diesel pollution impacts in the region. Our shared community interest in addressing environmental justice issues is one of the major issues that connect our existing communities.

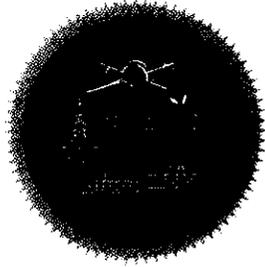
We recognize the necessity of periodically redrawing district boundaries in order to maintain appropriate populations in each district. However, we believe that it is crucial and imperative that Commerce be kept whole to continue the great strides our City has achieved within the existing district boundaries.

Once again, we respectfully urge you to keep Commerce within the boundaries of our Congressional, Senate and Assembly districts as they are established.

Thank you for your service and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Joe Aguilar
Mayor
City of Commerce



**City of Pico Rivera
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DAVID W. ARMENTA
Mayor

June 28, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[Redacted]
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: California State Senate – LACVN

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Pico Rivera, I am pleased to submit these comments and concerns relative to the First Draft Senate Maps.

Pico Rivera is one of the cities known as the Gateway Cities, which includes a number of communities on the Los Angeles/Orange County border. The gateway cities include Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Norwalk, Downey, La Mirada, Paramount, and Montebello, among others. We share many regional interests related to transportation and housing.

The First Draft Senate Maps, LACVN and LALBS, divide many of the Gateway cities. The LALBS Map extends to Long Beach and the coast, whereas LACVN, which includes Pico Rivera, stretches to the northern portion of the San Gabriel Valley, encompassing Irwindale and Covina, which are both outside of the City's sphere of activity and involvement. These maps effectively divide the Gateway cities and attach them to other regions in which there are fewer common interests and where cities do not have the history of close cooperation on mutual issues and concerns.

Thank you for considering our alternative proposal to move the Senate District further south and west to affect a better community of interest to the Senate Redistricting for the gateway cities.

Sincerely,

David W. Armenta
Mayor

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FRANK SCOTTO
MAYOR

CITY OF TORRANCE

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June 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I would like to express my strong opposition to splitting the City of Torrance in the 36th Congressional District. In reviewing the map, it is apparent that there are parts of the City of Torrance which has a Redondo Beach zip code of 90277. In actuality, this is part of the City of Torrance and not Redondo Beach.

The City would appreciate you looking into this matter to ensure all of the residents of the City of Torrance are represented by the 36th Congressional District. The entire City should be served and not fragmented. This will allow the City to have one consistent voice in serving our community.

Through the years the City has been served well within the 36th Congressional District and would like to continue to do so. The 36th District Office is familiar with the City of Torrance, its needs, challenges, and priorities both at a local, state and regional level. It is imperative the City of Torrance remains one cohesive City. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the 36th Congressional District.

I urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Through the years the cities within the 36th Congressional District have developed effective working relationships and continue to exchange innovative ideas and practices.

Your consideration of this matter on the zip code is very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto
Mayor

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cc: City Council Member
LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

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Barry Weiss

Studio City, CA 91602

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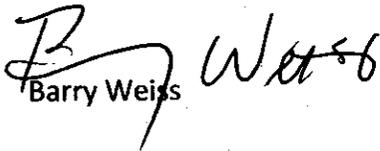
I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts - LASCV and LADNT. I'd like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LASCV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 Freeway corridors.

Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

My community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 Freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been my community of interest for the past 20 years. I commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, and Topanga Canyon). I share my community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland - West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together I share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make Studio City one Senate district and nest the two proposed Assembly districts - Thousand Oaks - Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts into the Senate District.

Thank you for your consideration!


Barry Weiss

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ronald and Patsy Husmann Family

Studio City, CA. 91604

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon M. Crigler

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Studio City, CA 91604



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CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
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June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for this opportunity to present my views on the important subject of redistricting electoral jurisdictions. The work of your Commission is extremely important and complicated, and I commend the time and effort you have put into this project. Your work is guided by challenging criteria, including equal population, contiguity, compactness, compliance with the Voting Rights Act, geographic integrity of cities, and communities of interest. My comments relate to the latter two factors: geographic integrity of cities and communities of interest.

As Mayor of the City of Glendale, it is my strong belief that the entire City of Glendale should remain in a single congressional district. There does not appear to be any substantial reason not to accommodate this important goal of our community. Such an outcome would avoid breaching Glendale's decades-long experience of having our City represented by a single Congressional representative. In addition, having more than one representative risks fracturing the political identity of our city. Basically, you would be turning a Glendale currently united as a single community into a fractured and disjointed city.

In addition, Glendale has formed valuable tri-city cooperative relationships with Burbank and Pasadena. The viability and strength of these associations would be challenged if the three cities were broken up into different Congressional and Assembly districts.

I cannot stress how strongly I oppose the fracturing of the City of Glendale into multiple Congressional or Assembly districts.

I support Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's recommendations, which are to:

- (A) Move the Southern portion of Glendale from the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district into the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district to make it whole.



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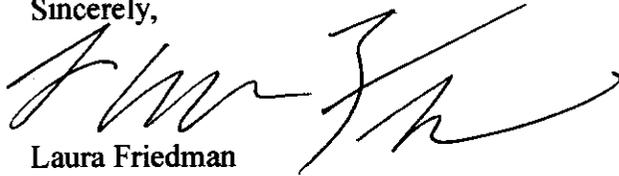
- (B) Move most of Upland from the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district into the Ontario district
- (C) Move the southeastern portion of Chino Hills from the Ontario district into the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district.

These adjustments keep Glendale together; keep the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill district within Los Angeles County, instead of reaching into San Bernardino County; restore a community of interest in the East San Gabriel Valley-Diamond Bar district by uniting the City of Chino Hills; and preserve the Voting Rights Act status of the Ontario district.

I truly appreciate the Commission's plan to keep Glendale, Burbank, and part of Pasadena linked to the other Foothill cities in its state legislative and congressional districts. In doing so, the Commission has significantly preserved a community of interest that is composed primarily of the cities of Glendale, Burbank, and Pasadena. As I mentioned before, these three cities have entered into numerous cooperative agreements which are furthered by having a single Congressional representative, as well as by being represented by a single Assembly Member.

Thank you again for this opportunity to present my views of the best interests of the City of Glendale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Friedman', written in a cursive style.

Laura Friedman
Mayor