

Redistricting Commission  
 901 P St. Suite 15A  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

July 5, 2011

## REGION 4: LOS ANGELES

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10<sup>th</sup> maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts - LASCV and LADNT. 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 (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

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 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). We share our 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 we 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.

*Andrew M. Lewis*  
 Andrew M. Lewis, ASB



**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Ronnie Ressner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:32:31 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Ronnie Ressner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Additional Suggestion: West Valley District

Message Body:

Regarding congressional districts, Agoura Hills and Calabasas are part of the West San Fernando Valley. They have the same high tech employees as Granada Hills, Northridge and Woodland Hills.

And please unify Granada Hills in the West San Fernando Valley. This is easy to do by splitting Valley Village differently.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Kyle Shorten <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:31:50 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Kyle Shorten <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Second Suggestion Re: Agoura Hills and Westlake Village Redistricting

Message Body:

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**From:** Andrew Hewitson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:31:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Andrew Hewitson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura and Westlake Redistricting, Additional Comment

Message Body:

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Lyn Jensen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 18:38:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Lyn Jensen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 2nd Draft Maps Due?

Message Body:

I understood the second draft maps were going to be posted on or around 7/1. It's now 7/5 and I don't see them, nor do I see any announcement of when they will be posted. Could you please provide the new date or tentative date? Thanks!

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**Subject:** West San Fernando Valley districts

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 07:46:53 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for a west San Fernando Valley Assembly and Congressional District. Please now include Calabassas and Agoura to the West Valley Assembly and Congressional Districts and keep the districts west of the 405..

Those areas east of the 405 (Studio City and Encino) should be included in an East San Fernando Valley district.

Thank you..

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Cheryl Sullivan

[REDACTED]  
Winnetka, CA 91306

**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Sabine Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 04:49:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sabine Peterson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: LAGBP Assembly District

Message Body:

Thank you for listening regarding the importance of the Griffith Park/hollywood hills area being in the same district. But Silver Lake 90039 SHOULD BE a part of that Assembly seat. It's a part of the same hills that run through Burbank, 90068, and 90027, for pete's sake!

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Nina Royal <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 03:20:28 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Nina Royal <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Meeting held in San Fernando City Hall

Message Body:

I would like to see the video of that meeting. I can't find it on this site.

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 4 - Los Angeles

**From:** Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 02:26:15 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Judith Mintz <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep the LA South Bay CD/AD together!

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

I recently was sent some of the visualizations you have been playing around with for Torrance and the Beach Cities which split us from the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lomita and Westchester in our Assembly and Congressional Districts. I was deeply disturbed by what I saw.

These maps are totally unacceptable and look just like the gerrymandered districts (in the case of the assembly) we have been living with for the past 10 years-- or worse! I voted for the commission to put an end to this nonsense!

You got it right in the first couple drafts -- please go back to how it was before.

To reiterate for our assembly district, please:

take out: Santa Monica, Venice and Marina Del Rey

put back in: Westchester/Playa Del Rey, lomita and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

For our congressional district, please:

take out: Long Beach and Carson

put back in: El Segundo, Westchester/Playa Del Rey, Lomita and keep Torrance together.

Sincerely,

Judith Mintz  
Redondo Beach, CA

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**From:** Laurie Cohn <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 01:36:36 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Laurie Cohn <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Senate Visualizations

Message Body:

Hello,

I noticed when i open the Senate Visualizations for Los Angeles (I'm interested in Area IV-San Fernando Valley and LASCV), I see only Assembly Visualizations. There are none for the south San Fernando Valley or West Valley, and none for any Senate Districts at all. Is there a reason for that?

Thank you.

Laurie cohn

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**From:** Patricia Morton <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 6 Jul 2011 00:12:40 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Patricia Morton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Draft Maps

Message Body:

I support the commission's efforts to create more equitable and rational districts. I hope the result will be the election of moderates in all offices. Don't listen to current elected politicians who are trying to protect their gerrymandered districts.

In the case of my own area of Atwater Village, I think what you've done makes great sense and I'll be interested in seeing what happens next election.

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**From:** Cindy Bisciglia <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:37:02 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Cindy Bisciglia <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Valley District Request

Message Body:

Regarding congressional districts, Agoura Hills and Calabasas are part of the West San Fernando Valley. They have the same high tech employees as Granada Hills, Northridge and Woodland Hills.

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**From:** Melanie Litzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:36:32 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Melanie Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Valley Redistricting: Additional Concern

Message Body:

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**From:** Karen Ressner <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:36:10 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karen Ressner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westlake Village and Agoura Hills Redistricting Request #2

Message Body:

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**From:** Matthew Seyhun <matth[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:35:30 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Matthew Seyhun <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Westlake / Agoura Hills Redistricting: Another Request

Message Body:

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**From:** Sharon Berman <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:34:56 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sharon Berman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Valley Redistricting: Additional Request

Message Body:

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**From:** Jeff Berman [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:34:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Jeff Berman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Valley District Concern

Message Body:

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**From:** Mark Litzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:33:37 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Mark Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agoura and Westlake Redistricting, Additional Comment

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**From:** Adam Litzer <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 23:33:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Adam Litzer <[REDACTED]>

Subject: West Valley Redistricting: Additional Request

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**From:** Barbara A Foss <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 17:25:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Barbara A Foss <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting Lines

Message Body:

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong feelings for binding the communities situated in and near the Santa Monica Mountains in shared legislative districts. These communities traverse inland regions to the coast, and include West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Topanga and Malibu. In this regard, I respectfully request that the Commission consider a return to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountain vicinity. The 1991 districts bordered along county lines, and were inclusive of our community of interest.

While the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is accessible to all residents of California, it is those who live nearest to these mountains that are motivated to preserve the natural beauty and quality of life that they inspire. Any redistricting effort that divides this region will dilute our voice in the legislatures and compromise our ability to limit development and preserve the natural beauty of these mountains for all to enjoy.

The ecology of our area requires careful stewardship. The Santa Monica Mountains are linked to the north by the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Preserve, which serves as a corridor for wildlife in this part of our State. Our communities are also part of the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds. The Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council includes representatives of the cities of Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village.

The communities of West Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, and the adjacent unincorporated communities, including Topanga, are deeply connected through collaboration and services. These communities form the Las Virgenes - Malibu Council of Governments (COG). COG is the core of Los Angeles County's Disaster Management Area B. These communities collaborate in the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Alliance.

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amongst the mountains. I was especially impressed with the concerted efforts that had gone into preserving the Santa Monica Mountains areas, as well as community-related efforts such as disaster preparedness. While I can imagine the pressures placed upon the Commission, and commend your efforts, I ask that you please respect the integrity of our communities and our quality of life by returning to the 1991 legislative boundaries for the Santa Monica Mountains vicinity.

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**From:** "Sarah K. Foss" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 13:58:44 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Sarah K. Foss <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Proposed Redistricting - Topanga

Message Body:

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**Subject:** Calabasas

**From:** "Henrietta, Jim" [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 22:22:10 -0400

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Attention CRC Commissioners:**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Calabasas and very concerned that Calabasas and Agoura are not considered a part of the West San Fernando Valley; they are west of the 405 freeway; stop at the Mulholland Ridge and not the 101 freeway; they are truly cities within the West San Fernando Valley, not the west side of Los Angeles. On the other hand Studio City and Sherman Oaks are not part of the West San Fernando Valley.

This issue should be corrected immediately. Thank you!

Jim Henrietta

Director, Sales & Education

Zotos International Inc

**Subject:** Keep WESTCHESTER with the BEACH CITIES

**From:** Christine Vinquist <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 21:25:30 -0700 (PDT)

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

Dear Commissioners,

I have previously submitted my comments but have yet to seem them posted in the public comments. I am a lifelong resident of Westchester. The initial draft maps that were posted on June 10th gave me hope that the blatant gerrymandering that has pervaded this state would finally be at an end. My neighborhood would finally be included with the rest of the communities that it shared common interests with, particularly Playa del Rey.

It has come to light that since the initial draft map release that Westchester had once again been separated from her community and gerrymandered with Inglewood, a city that has little in common with Westchester.

Westchester is part of the Westchester-Playa Neighborhood Council. This Neighborhood Council represents the interests of the residents in this little corner of the City of Los Angeles. However, when it comes to State and Federal representation, the neighborhood is divided and common issues are lost amongst the various offices.

The socio-demographics of Westchester align more with that of El Segundo and the Beach Cities than with that of Inglewood and Lennox. As the table below shows, there are stark differences in the socio-economic realities of the communities. To keep such differing communities together denies them their right to fair representation.

<b>Inglewood and nearby Communities vs. Westchester</b>	<b>Inglewood</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>Hawthorne</b>	<b>Ladera Heights</b>	<b>Westchester</b>	<b>Playa del Rey</b>	<b>El Segundo</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach</b>
<b>Population</b>	112,482	9,101	86,265	6,509	41,500	11,317	15,970	34,039
<b>White</b>	4%	1.22%	13%	19%	52%	73%	78%	86%
<b>Latino</b>	46%	39.7%	44%	3%	17%	10%	10%	5%
<b>Asian</b>	1%	2.9%	8%	3%	10%	8%	7%	6%
<b>Black</b>	46%	54.3%	32%	71%	17%	4%	1%	1%
<b>Household income</b>	\$46,574	\$48,824	\$43,602	\$117,925	\$77,473	\$91,339	\$83,925	\$136,481
<b>College degree</b>	13%	12.5%	13%	53%	42%	59%	41%	68%
<b>Median age</b>	29	27	27	43	35	38	36	37
<b>Single parents</b>	27%	24.5%	27%	10%	15%	7%	13%	7%
<b>Veteran</b>	8%	8%	7%	13%	9%	11%	11%	10%
<b>Foreign born</b>	30%	28%	33%	7%	21%	16%	12%	9%

We also share a common corridor of Sepulveda/PCH that ties us together. The traffic issues along this corridor are unique to Westchester, El Segundo, and the Beach Cities as it serves as a common transit and commercial corridor.

Please return Westchester to Playa del Rey and the Beach Cities as initially shown in the first draft maps. It deserves to be kept together as a whole community and have its interests aligned with those communities that are similar and connected thus giving it fair representation and not another victim of gerrymandering.

Sincerely,  
Christine Vinquist  
Lifelong Westchester Resident

**Subject:** California State Senate Redistricting

**From:** Chuck Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 5 Jul 2011 14:34:14 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I am a resident of Studio City. Comparing the proposed district lines for my Assembly district (which includes both sides of the Hollywood Hills and most of the Santa Monica Mountains) and the lines for my Senate district (which includes the Santa Clarita Valley), it seems as if the Assembly district encompasses most of Studio City's community of interest and the Senate district eliminates much of that community and includes the Santa Clarita Valley, which seems to have little in common interest.

I am hoping that the Senate lines can be revised to reflect the same interests that the Assembly lines reflect. Thank you.

Chuck Taylor

[REDACTED]  
Studio City, CA 91604

[REDACTED]