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Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa

Los Angeles, CA 90045

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July 5, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Fax: (916) 651-5711

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To Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) wishes to share with you its position on Draft #1 of the redistricting maps for California State Senate, Assembly and Congress. We have spent many hours and have received feedback from both committee and community members. The proposed drafts for the new Districts have several details that concern our Neighborhood Council, which includes the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. As a council we would like to see more focus on keeping communities together, which can be done by mapping the districts by zip code. We would suggest this be done especially for zip codes that currently sit on the border of multiple districts.

In addition, we would like to suggest the following specific revisions to each map:

- California State Senate
 - Map by zip code including portion of the community of Westchester, east of the 405 freeway down to La Cienega Blvd. in with the rest of the community of Westchester.
- California State Assembly
 - Map by zip code including portion of the community of Westchester, east of the 405 freeway down to La Cienega Blvd. in with the rest of the community of Westchester.
 - Include cities with a common interest in same district; i.e. Playa Vista, Marina del Rey, Mar Vista and Venice. Some cities are represented by the same neighborhood council and should be in the same district to increase the effectiveness of elected officials.
- Congressional
 - Map by zip code including portion of the community of Westchester, east of the 405 freeway down to La Cienega Blvd. in with the rest of the community of Westchester.

In addition, we would also like to see more detailed maps presented to the public to encourage more positive feedback.

The full board of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has voted unanimously to urge the Citizens Redistricting Commission to implement these revisions, which are critical to our Stakeholders. In conclusion, NCWP, which represents Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista, is defined as a community of interest and must be kept together. Please don't divide our community!

Sincerely,

Cyndi Hench
NCWP President

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July 1, 2011
California Reapportionment Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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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 10th 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.

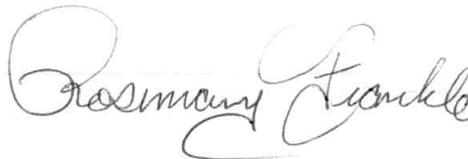
Thank you for your consideration.

Name Rosemary Frankle

Address

Studio City CA 91604

phone:



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MARY G. BANKSTON

July 1, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on the complicated task before you. I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley portion of the City of Los Angeles. In your June 10 maps, Studio City has been split between two senate districts - LASCV and LADNT.

We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one senate district (LASCV) connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley neighborhoods along Ventura Boulevard and the 101 freeway corridor. Studio City has little in common with the northern half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman) or with the LADNT communities (downtown and further south). Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the northern and southern sides of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years.

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Sincerely,



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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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501(c)(3) organization
based in Los Angeles with a
chapter in New York, whose
mission is to promote the
participation of Iranian-
American Jews in American
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mary

From: "mary" [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 12:59 PM
Subject: topanga canyon

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hi...your map, your plan is very insensitive and illogical to the demographics of topanga canyon. i have been a resident for 35 years.. this is a dynamic community of schools, club,s state parks. our intersts are unique and should be preserved as a unit. there was alot of reasons that we were disjointed from santa clarita previously. i worked for 32 years in santa clarita at canyon high school. i know their interests and it is not the topanga way. i live on entrada rd. i do not want to be divided from the schools, lower topanga canyon park and beach,etc. you must reconsider and redraw these boundaries for topanga and keep us whole!!
thank you, mary stack and family

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June 28, 2011

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Sincerely,



JOANNE L. SCRIBNER

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