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To: Commissioners - California Redistricting Commission

RE: Proposal for Foothill District in L.A. County submitted by Sunland-Tujunga NC

Commissioners:

Enclosed find copy of our proposed map (two pages) for the Foothill District. The shaded area has been mapped out to include the ideal population count.

Enclosed find the following letters:

Cover letter to Karin MacDonald regarding addition of 400 County of LA residents above Sylmar

Nina Royal's letter of July 6

Cile Borman, Lake View Terrace Improvement Association

Kagel Canyon Civic Association

Nina Royal letter of June 16

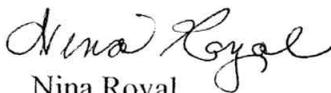
Cindy Cleghorn letter of June 16

Enclosed find signed petitions (15 pages) from community residents and business owners who agree with the new Foothill District proposal – **230 signatures so far.**

Please distribute to all commissioners.

Your serious consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully,



Nina Royal

Redistricting Advocate

For Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council





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Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: July 8, 2011

TIME: 3:55 PM

TO: Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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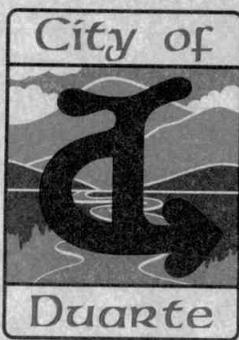
RE: Redistricting of Sunland-Tujunga

Number of pages including cover sheet: 1

Dear Redistricting Commission,

We are writing to you today to express our disappointment that Sunland-Tujunga may be lumped in with the East San Fernando Valley. We are located in the La Crescenta Valley directly adjacent to La Crescenta. We, as well as the communities of Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, La Tuna Canyon and Kagel Canyon, all share a common geography, history, and interest in the preservation of open spaces. We share none of these things with the East Valley.

We strongly urge you to include Sunland-Tujunga and the other local communities mentioned above in the district of La Crescenta/Glendale/Burbank, communities who's interests are aligned with ours, rather than the East Valley with which we have no commonalities or interests. Sincerely, Thomas Lynch & Margaret Hicks



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City of Duarte

Duarte, California 91010-2592
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June 29, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Mayor
Tzeitel Paras-Caracci
Mayor Pro Tem
Lois Gaston
Councilmembers
John Fasana
Margaret E. Finlay
Phillip R. Reyes
City Manager
Darrell George

Dear Members of the Commission:

In May of this year, Duarte Mayor Pro Tem Lois Gaston attended one of the many public meetings associated with the congressional, senatorial and assembly redistricting processes and testified on behalf of our Council and residents. Her request to the Commission was two-fold and has been echoed among numerous foothill cities presenting to your body. She took the time to attend this meeting and the City is now following up in writing since there is a high possibility that these new lines might become law.

First, Duarte is requesting that the foothill cities remain intact and connected into one voting district for both state and federal elections. The foothill communities share so many common issues from natural geographic connections to foothill preservation, emergency management, public safety, etc. and should be considered as a formal "Community of Interest." (COI) Based on these commonalities and differences from inland communities, it is appropriate to pair foothill communities together.

Next, one of the many stated goals of the Commission is being respectful of municipal boundaries. Based on the most recent line recommendations, Duarte is a city with a proposed division between two distinct congressional districts. Like many communities, north and south issues often become a part of political discussions when it comes to resource allocations. This would only be exacerbated if the southern part of our city were split from the northern part. Our Council and community strongly feel that it is critical to place our entire seven-square mile, 23,000 residential population, within one district.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

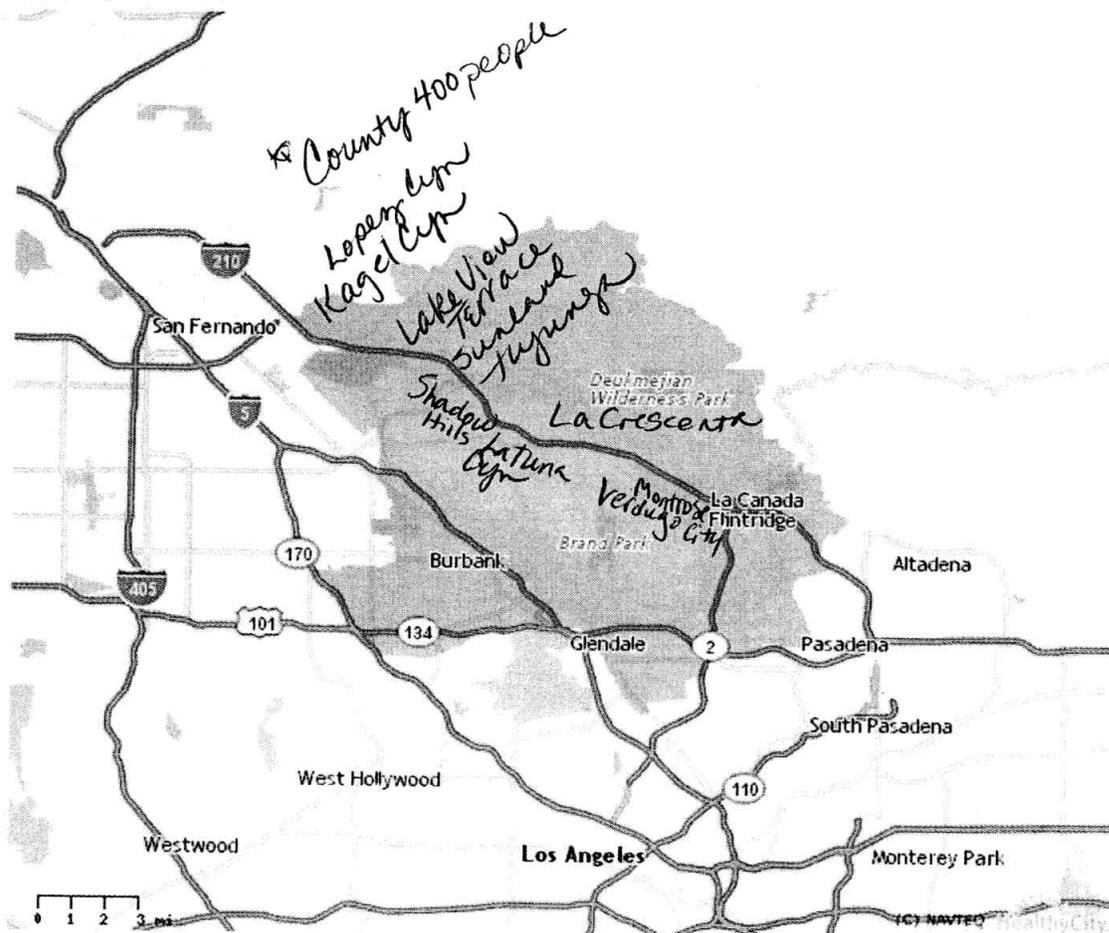
Sincerely,

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci
Mayor

[Kagel Canyon – Lake View Terrace – Shadow Hills – La Tuna Canyon – Sunland-Tujunga – La Crescenta – Montrose – La Canada-Flintridge – Glendale - Burbank]

Located in the County of Los Angeles are Kagel Canyon rural mountains and equestrian, Lake View Terrace rural mountains and equestrian and Hansen Dam Recreation Center; Shadow Hills – rural mountains – equestrian; La Tuna Canyon and Verdugo Hills – rural-equestrian; Sunland-Tujunga, La Crescenta, La Canada-Flintridge - Montrose – rural, equestrian, suburban located between two mountain ranges (Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains); Glendale and Burbank – rural-suburban and share the Verdugo Mountains and shopping and business.

These communities share the same watershed, the 210 Freeway for our economic and transportation corridor. Glendale and Burbank are our economic hubs for shopping,, jobs and entertainment.



Redistricting Data: My COI

We believe the information we are supplying supports our position that Sunland-Tujunga should be in a district with our neighbors that have a common interest with us.

Population

464,301 = this recommendation

Total Population: 464,301
-0.30% variance from ideal population

Universe: Total Population
Datasource: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
Data Year: 2010
Data Level: Census Block

Ideal Population	Original District
465,675	465,704
<i>ideal</i>	<i>orig</i>

Total Population	464,301
Ideal	465,675
Variance	-0.30%
Original District	465,704

Additional Information

Currently we are sliced and diced between many representatives that do not live close to our area and can readily participate in our concerns or events. We seek to change this by proposing this new map. This entire area that we propose is diverse in all aspects and cultures. The people live here because they enjoy the rural lifestyle. We, and our neighbors, seek to protect open space, advocate sustainable and responsible development and enhance our neighborhood character. Sunland-Tujunga also shares many historical sites with our Foothills neighbors. We are all working to save our watershed, protect the Rim of the Valley, our wildlife, our native trees and plants. 15% of LA's water comes from the Foothills area. We share equestrian and hiking trails too. as well as help to protect the Verdugo Mountains. We share the transportation corridor of Foothill Blvd. and the 210 Freeway and are working to discourage the 710 tunnel because of the environment and financial drain on the State. We share schools both public and private. Because of our ruralness, we depend on Glendale and Burbank for our shopping.

Conclusion

Foothills

Our main goal is to be in the same district as our rural neighbors with whom we already share common interests and to be separated from the Valley who have no interest in our goals.

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