

**Molly Casey**

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**From:** "Madeline" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2011 8:05 AM  
**Subject:** Important redistricting

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We live on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and our district has been gerrymandered three different ways, one for each type of election, so we have no voice and are represented by no one. We respectfully ask that you give us straight line districting from Palos Verdes through Marina del Rey. You have no idea the concerns of those living in the South Bay unless you live here. We have nothing in common with Santa Monica or West Hollywood, which is another sleazy gerrymander just like we've had to live with for years.

Our concerns are LAX, beach city transportation (we have no good transportation), the local business economy, aerospace, South Bay coastal protection and other issues that only affect our areas. We are tired of contacting representatives who supposedly have our interests in mind who care nothing for the specific issues that concern us, only to be told that our issues are not of concern to them and nothing can or will be done about them. This has happened with Roderick Wright, with Bonnie Lowenthal and with Dana Rohrabacher. They just don't care about our area. We need representatives who represent us.

We thought this new commission would get rid of the crooked deals, but placing us in another oddly shaped district is no different from what we had before.



# City of Hidden Hills

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[REDACTED] Hidden Hills, California 91302  
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June 28, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District does keep all five COG cities together. The proposed California State 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District encompasses four of the cities, but excludes Malibu. The California 30<sup>th</sup> 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 mark that appears to be "JC".

Jim Cohen  
Mayor

JC/clp

July 12, 2011

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

Let me start off by thanking you for taking into account our comments regarding the Senate District identified as LAPRW on your map. Your visualizations prepared for the July 8 meeting demonstrate that you listened to us and our concerns regarding representation for our communities and having the entire district in Los Angeles County.

However, I would like to request one further amendment. The City of Montebello seems to more properly belong in the district directly north of LAPRW. I have always thought of Montebello as part of the San Gabriel Valley rather than the Gateway Cities or Southeast cities. Montebello is a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. If you search the term San Gabriel Valley, Montebello will show up as a part of the definition or listing of cities.

I rarely go to Montebello for entertainment, to shop, to dine or for recreational opportunities. I consider Lynwood, South Gate and Huntington Park to be much more similar to my communities and the other communities depicted in the visualization on your website. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Proposed 27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial Districts Alternative Plan/Map also makes this distinction. I believe the proposed Alternative Plan/Map for the 27<sup>th</sup> District prepared by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance does a better job in grouping our cities based on the similarities of our communities and geography.

Again, I appreciate your responsiveness to our concerns and comments and am pleased that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has done what the voters who passed the Voters First Act asked for.

Thank You:

Sandy Mittan



Lakewood, CA 90713

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21 June 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

As a long time resident of the Pacific Palisades, I consider myself a Westsider.

The West side communities of Pacific Palisades, Topanga and Malibu are closely aligned in similar environment, transportation use, schools, and economics.

The current redistricting maps put me in a district with the South Bay communities where I have no shared interests at all and I will be represented by people who do not live near here.

I ask that you reconsider the change in map lines and keep my state representation with people who live in my area, know the special concerns of our coastal communities and more closely follows the goal of your Commission.

Thank you,

  
E. Irving  
Pacific Palisades Resident

**Molly Casey**

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**From:** "Wilcox, Rob" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2011 10:51 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Congressional District 35

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**From:** Doris Blaker <[REDACTED]> Date: Mon, Jul 11, 2011 at 10:47 AM  
**Subject:** Congressional District 35 To: [REDACTED]  
Doris Blaker <[REDACTED]> Sandi Cook <[REDACTED]>

Hello Mr. Wilcox:

I am opposed to placing the Airport, oil refineries, and all of the Ports in one Congressional District 36.

Please return to the drawing board and resubmit a proposal for Congressional District 35 that includes Westchester and Inglewood together, including LAX. Do not take away shared interests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter request.

Doris Jeanne Blaker  
[REDACTED]  
Inglewood, CA 90302  
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June 22, 2011

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Honorable Commissioners:

The Palisades Bowl Resident Association represents a community of 150 homes with about 300 residents living in Pacific Palisades.

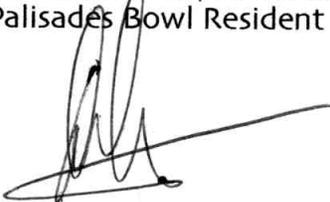
We are a West side beach community with interests common to Topanga, Malibu and Santa Monica. We share mutual and interconnected relations in socio-economic, environmental, transportation, cultural and educational interests..

We ask that you revisit the redistricting maps as they are now drawn, Pacific Palisades is placed in the district with the South Bay area with which we have no common or community interests. And, we would be represented by those who do not live on the West side.

Please keep Pacific Palisades in the same Senate district as Malibu and Topanga which is a logical choice for these communities and meet the Commission goals and criteria.

Thank you for your attention and service,

David B. Kilner, President  
Palisades Bowl Resident Association



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**From:** "Wilcox, Rob" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2011 10:46 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Congressional District 35

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**From:** Doris Blaker <[REDACTED]> Date: Mon, Jul 11, 2011 at 10:38 AM  
**Subject:** Congressional District 35 To: [REDACTED]  
 Hello:

I am opposed to the proposed Congressional District =3, 35, 36 lines recently drawn for submittal. These proposed lines d=senfranchise the large African American communities in Southern California=

Specifically, I strongly oppose that Congressional District 35 proposed=lines, where I reside, have been disconnected from Westchester two communi=ies with twin commonality have been disjoined. Westchester share no com=unity of interest with the beach cities that its now connected with in you= proposal. Additionally, taking LAX and its companion businesses out o= CD 35 leaves it depleted of big business and commerce and a much needed t=x base to help support the middle class and poor.

Further placing the Airport, the ports, oil, etc., all in one Congressi=nal District shows a lack of integrity on the part of the planners, and a =illiness to gerrymand money and power. This devastating.

P=ease return to the drawing board and resubmit a proposal for Congressional=Distict 35 that includes, Westchester and Inglewood together, including LA= and its surrounding businesses as were before you decided to take away sha=ed interests..

Thank you for your attention in to this matter of great concern.

[REDACTED]  
 Inglewood, CA 90=02

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## The Oaks Homeowners Association



Los Angeles, California 90029-0155

June 14, 2011

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Dear Commissioners,

The Oaks neighborhood is comprised of approximately eight hundred single family homes and is located adjacent to Griffith Park, just east of the 101 Freeway in the northern portion of Hollywood. We write to the Commission in the hope that the districts in which our neighborhood has been placed might be drawn more usefully and more effectively.

In the current proposed configurations (released to the public on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011), our neighborhood, The Oaks, as well as the larger Los Feliz and Silverlake neighborhoods to the east of us have been de-coupled from their most immediate community of interest: Hollywood. While the Oaks, Los Feliz and Silverlake commune socially, culturally, and economically with Hollywood, we find ourselves (in the current proposed Assembly and Congressional districts) cut off from Hollywood and instead attached to many neighborhoods of East Los Angeles (Commerce, Vernon, Maywood, Boyle Heights) with whom we share almost no mutual interests.

We also find ourselves cut off (in Senate, Assembly and Congressional maps) from the Beachwood Canyon, Hollywoodland and Lake Hollywood communities immediately to our west – communities that are virtually identical to our neighborhood in population makeup, topography, living standards and social goals.

We believe that more effective boundary lines for the Assembly and Congressional districts would include, as the proposed Senate district does, some portion of Hollywood. And we feel that all three districts ought to include the Beachwood, Hollywoodland and Lake Hollywood communities in the same district as The Oaks, Los Feliz and Silverlake. A more appropriate western boundary for all three districts would be the 101 (Hollywood) Freeway, which provides an extremely organic break-point between neighborhoods.

We urge you to make these small, but nevertheless quite significant revisions to the proposed maps, as such changes will produce more effective and sensible district boundaries.

Respectfully yours,



Caroline Schweich

The Oaks Homeowners Association

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**From:** "Ingrid Jodele" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2011 11:51 AM  
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Keep the South bay together - Palos Verdes, Mirina Del Ray and Torrance! Ingrid Jodele,  
Hermosa Beach

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To the Commission:

Re: Redistricting maps - 42<sup>nd</sup> District and CRC 1 Downey-Whittier

After attending the June 17 Whittier meeting at Rio Hondo College, I learned much more about the complexity of the project and the redistricting criteria, especially the concept of "communities of interest." This reinforces our objection to proposed CRC 1 District Downey-Whittier since, as currently configured, it does not conform to the criteria established in the Commission's charter.

I strongly support the district alignment proposed to the Commission by Cathy Warner, Mayor of Whittier, in her letter of May 18, 2011 and by the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce in Jeffrey K. Ball's letter of May 16, 2011. They propose a district roughly within the freeway borders of the 605 to the west, the 60 to the north, the 57 to the east, and the Interstate 5 Orange County border to the south, encompassing the cities of Whittier, La Habra Heights, La Habra, La Mirada, Brea, Santa Fe Springs, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar. Both letters clearly enumerate numerous common sense reasons why Whittier is most definitely a community of interest with these other nearby communities of the Puente Hills and north Orange County, including the Whittier Union High School District, fire department and law enforcement activities, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital and the *Whittier Daily News*, and the Wildlife Corridor.

From a resident of east Whittier's point of view, our practical day-to-day activities, such as shopping, restaurants, entertainment, or medical needs are centered either in Whittier or Brea (Brea Mall) and (St. Jude Medical Center.) I doubt there is evidence of significant "community of interest" interaction with Downey, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, or Pico Rivera. And, in fact, residents of those communities who attended the Whittier meeting expressed their own desire to be communities of interest with other southeast area cities adjacent to the Alameda Corridor and representatives of La Habra Heights expressed their desire to be connected to Whittier.

I realize the daunting task facing the Commission and look forward to seeing the next round of proposed districts which will more accurately reflect the common interests and civic associations of Whittier and adjacent cities.

Thank you,



Kathleen Mayerski

Whittier, CA 90605

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**From:** "Dottie Martin" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2011 10:53 AM

Dear Commission:

I was at the June 16th Culver City meeting so I know the pressure you are under to draw lines which favor certain minorities and political parties. At that meeting the draft maps were under heavy attack by those interests.

Please keep the South Bay (LAX to Palms Verdes, etc.) together as a community of interest. I work and shop in the South Bay and live on the outskirts. This area has many common interests which need representation at the state and federal levels.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Martin  
registered voter in Hawthorne, CA 90250

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Sunday, July 3, 2011

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, 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 Recreations 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 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.

The inland communities are served by a single Sheriff's Station, located in Calabasas. These communities are served by three Los Angeles County Fire Stations, located in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides these communities with water and sewer services. The communities are also united through the distinguished Las Virgenes Unified School District. Several schools in this district have been honored by the California Distinguished Schools Program and the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

Our strength as an interactive and collaborative community of interest rests on our ability to have a shared legislative voice. Our shared interest in preserving the ecology and beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains region is but one of the many elements that binds us together. 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.

Sincerely,



Melanie and Jack Leland

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Topanga, CA. 90290  
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